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SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Activities - December 1945 and Closing Review Report for 1945.
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, (Attention of the Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission).

Submitted herewith is the report of activities for month of December together with brief closing review report for year ending December 31st 1945, in respect of Public Safety Division, Naples Commune :-

PART (I)

CIVIL POLICE

1. Civil Police

(a) Strength -

	Officers	O/Rs
Carabinieri Reali	51	1233
Agenti di P.S.	128	3550
Guardie di Finanza	23	1491
Guardie Municipali	-	68
Corpo Forestale	7	21

(b) Re-inforcements from elsewhere.

No re-inforcements are yet available but every effort is being made to effect the transfer to Naples of 150 CC.RR. lent to Bari Legion in August and September 1945. These men are urgently required to man the 8 Mobile Patrol trucks mentioned elsewhere in this report.

(c) Report on efficiency, condition of uniforms, state of transport and communications. 1944

Despite the lack of essential transport and proper communications (which deficiencies do not appear to be confined to this area) and provision of better uniforms, modern arms and equipment, work continues satisfactorily in proportion to the numbers of Police now available.

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Through close co-operation with Allied Police and DPM No.3 District, this Office has been able to obtain from AFHQ (through 3 District) eight 15cwt trucks to be formed into Mobile Patrol Squads, and based as per attached sketch plan. Modern weapons, handcuffs and torches are also being supplied and when the 150 CC.RR. are returned from Bari, it is hoped to run these Mobile Squads as a preventative to the prevailing armed holdups in this area.

2 Trucks Nola area
2 Trucks Torre Annunziata Area
2 Trucks Aversa area
2 Trucks Casoria area.

Patrols will work three tours of duty per 24 hours. Crew will consist of 1 Driver, NCO i/c and 5 CC.RR. All bases are in telephonic communication with central Office.

Trucks will be serviced through local British Military Depots.

In conjunction with this scheme, arrangements have been made with the American P.M. for the training of some 200 American Infantry men as assistance MPs. This squad is already under training, and will be used as Mobile Reserve for raids, etc. in the Naples area.

2. Crime.

Official crime statistics for month under review are as follows:-

	Number of crimes committed	Number of persons arrested
Homicide	3	2
Suicide	4	-
Robbery	14	12
Assault on police	26	31
Assault - indecent	2	2
Assault - other	30	34
Theft or illegal dealing in Allied property	260	270
Theft or illegal in rationed commodities	207	187
Overcharging	200	200
Miscellaneous (black market, etc.)	271	266
Breaking and entering	75	45
Fraud	85	41
Forgery AM currency	10	8
Other thefts	641	372

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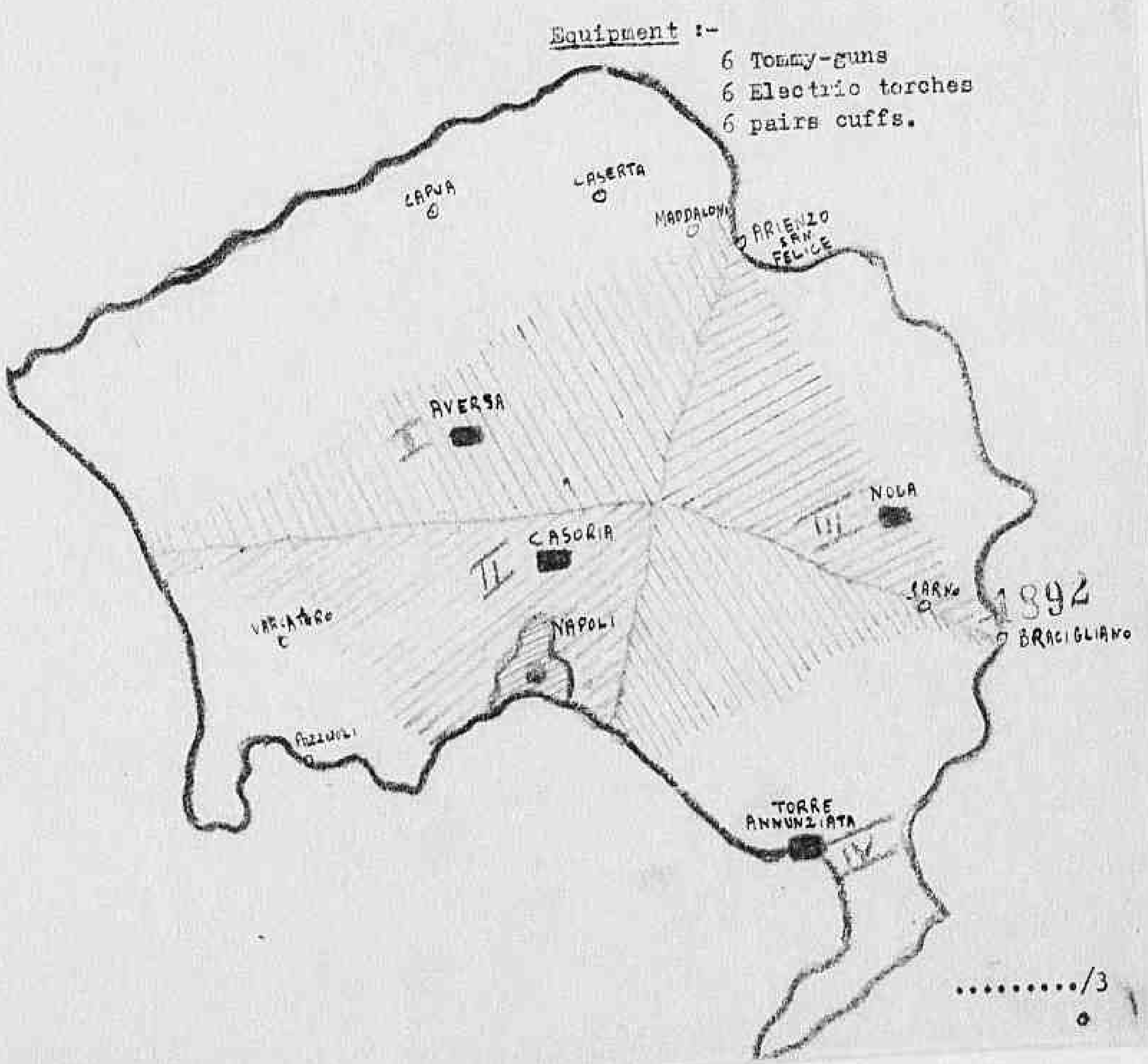
CC.RR. MOBILE PATROLS

Three 8-hour Reliefs.

2 trucks No. 1 District
" No. 2 "
" No. 3 "
" No. 4 "

Crew of each truck :-
Driver
Brig. i/c
5 Carabinieri

Equipment :-
6 Tommy-guns
6 Electric torches
6 pairs cuffs.



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Prostitutes	257	134
Pimps and Touts	28	28
Unlicensed brothels	14	14
Theft of motor vehicles	5	12

Raids :-

Following an explosion at Aversa on 30th November 1945, caused through a shot fired at a thief by Italian Guard at Munition Dump, a raid was organized by this Office, to arrest known suspects and recover any metal, etc. stolen from cartridges cases. About 300 Carabinieri took part together with 20 MPs.

The raid commenced at 2300 hours on 16th December 1945 and lasted for 5 hours. 1600 persons were identified and interrogated, and 27 suspects were arrested.

The following Allied property and firearms were recovered :-

9 British overcoats, 11 American shirts, a pair of American shoes, and American raincoat, 3 pairs of American gloves, 11 pairs of American boots, 11 packages of American cigarettes, 2 complete wheels for American car, 12 pairs of American socks, 1 American overall, 7 British blankets, 109 underpants American, 1 pincer for wires, 3 packages of typewriting paper, 7 flanel shirts, 2 grey green trousers, 15 grey green knitted under-pants, 3 pull-overs, 6 pairs of gloves, 3 antigas masks, 1 blanket, 4 pairs of stockings, 7 tent strips, 2 rolls of metal wires, 4 sacks of pasta; 3 qls of petrol, 3 sacks of artillery cartridges, a dagger, two knives, 20 pistol cartridges, 2 bayonets, 100 sub-machine gun cartridges, 4 pistols, 7 shotguns, 4 automatic pistols.

The raid has favourably impressed the population.

A similar raid on a smaller scale was carried out near Aversa on 6th December 1945, when Carabinieri arrested 26 persons suspected of being involved in assaults and robbery of passengers on railway trains.

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The following firearms, etc. were recovered on this occasion :- 5 muskets, 4 hand grenades, 3 pistols, 2 shotguns, petrol, a complete set of housebreaking instruments, contraband grain and a quantity of Allied Military clothing.

With the Military transport now at our service, it is hoped to institute many such raids, which always result in apprehension of some known suspects, and recovery of stolen property. Another important point is the generally good affect these raids have, both on the morale of civil police and deterrent action on the law abiding citizens who see that the evil doer does not always prosper in crime.

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The following are some of the more important incidents which have occurred during the month :-

1. On 30 Nov.1945, at Aversa, some unknown persons threw a hand grenade at an Italian Camp, and a passing boy was killed. 2 Italian soldiers were injured.

2. On 30 Nov.1945, at Mondragone, 4 persons armed with tommy guns, raided a farm and fired on the occupants. The owner replied with shotgun fire and injured one of the culprits who was subsequently arrested.

3. On 1st Dec.1945, at Naples, a goods train was assaulted by 4 armed men and stole 10 sacks of flour. On prompt action by CC.RR., the gang was driven off and one man arrested. Property recovered.

4. On 30th Nov.1945, at Eboli, two armed and drunken Yugoslav refugees assaulted a civilian in a cafe and caused injuries and damage.

5. On 30th Nov. 1945, at Barra, Naples, 8 persons looted an Allied clothing store and stole property. They were all subsequently arrested by CC.RR., and some of the property recovered.

6. On 2nd Dec. 45, at Maddaloni, a civilian killed a Polish soldier for an indecent assault on his wife. Murderer since arrested.

7. On 2nd Dec. 45 at Naples Railway yard, 10 armed thieves were arrested by P.S. Agents whilst attempting to steal from goods train.

8. On 30th Nov. 45, at S. Anna, Naples, a known prostitute was found strangled. Enquiries continue.

9. On 30th Nov. 45, at Capodichino, an Italian soldier killed a civilian as result of a quarrel over a woman. Arrest effected. 1894

10. On 6th Dec. 45, at Secondigliano, P.S. Agents arrested 3 armed gangsters who had been wanted for murder for some weeks.

11. On 4th Dec. 45, at Caserta, an Italian sentry fataly shot a civilian, for no known reason. Military enquiries continue.

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12. On 4th Dec.45, at Scali, Naples, 2 civilians in a car were held up and robbed by unknown thieves.

13. On 4th Dec.45, at Naples, CC.RR. arrested 11 Italian soldiers concerned in larceny of food from a Warehouse.

14. On 5th Dec.45, at Eboli, a Carabiniere arrested a British criminal deserter who was armed, and the CC.RR. sustained gunshot wounds.

15. On 5th Dec.45, at Torre Annunziata, 2 civilians caught stealing, were fatally shot by Allied guards.

16. On 5th Dec.45, at Naples, the body of a civilian was found, apparently shot by thieves.

17. On 6th Dec.45, at Aversa, a party of armed thieves attempted to loot a stationary train. CC.RR. intervened and 5 persons were arrested.

18. On 7th Dec.45, near Avellino, Finance Guards arrested 7 Italian soldiers engaged in illicit transport of 13 qls of grain.

19. On 10th Dec.45, at Casoria, a thief was fatally shot by Allied sentry whilst attempting to steal.

20. On 11th Dec. 45, at Torre del Greco, a Polish N.C.O. was found hanged, apparently by members of a gang, whose women had been interfering with. Enquiries continue.

21. On 11th Dec. 45, at Torre Annunziata, following several thefts from Port transport vehicles, CC.RR. searched houses of suspects and arrested 3 persons. 2 hand grenades and a pistol were recovered.

22. On 10th Dec. 45, CC.RR. at Pagani arrested 4 criminals for thefts from Railway goods trains. Allied tyres and flour recovered.

23. On 10th Dec. 45, at S.Maria la Bruna, CC.RR. arrested two armed thieves attampting to raid a stationary goods train.

24. On 11th Dec. 45, at Caserta, CC.RR. arrested 5 thieves, who had raided and American truck and stolen several cases of coffee. Port of property recovered.

25. On 10th Dec. 45, at Torre Annunziata, CC.RR. interrupted black market sale of coffee and cigarettes, stolen from an Allied warehouse. 4 persons subsequently arrested.

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26. On 11th Dec. 1945, at Torre Annunziata, CC.RR. were called to Railway yard where thieves had looted a goods train and stolen quantity of meat. Shots were exchanged in the darkness. The thieves decamped, but the goods were recovered.

27. On 11th Dec. 45, at Naples Port, CC.RR. completed enquiries against 5 Italian soldiers who had been arrested for stealing 10 bales of shirts.

28. On 11th Dec. 45, at Casoria, two thieves were arrested by CC.RR. for larceny of Allied petrol.

29. On 11th Dec. 45, outside Naples, Finance Guards stopped an Allied truck laden with contraband grain and arrested two persons involved.

30. On 15th Dec. 45, 8 known suspects were arrested by CC.RR. at Ponticelli, for larceny of flour from Port.

31. On 6th Dec. 45, at Nola, a British Major carrying Company's pay, was held up and robbed of 103.000 Lire by 5 members of the LA MARCA gang. MPs re-inforced and enquiries continue.

32. On 15th Dec. 45, at Casoria, a local thief was fatally shot by an Italian sentry whilst attempting to steal.

33. On 16th Dec. 45, an Italian soldier was arrested by CC.RR. at Casoria, for larceny of 30 pairs of Allied socks.

34. On 16th Dec. 45, at Naples, two children were killed by a shell that exploded whilst they were playing.

35. On 19th Dec. 45, at Pozzuoli, 2 local thieves assaulted and robbed an American sailor of his money and clothing.

36. On 20th Dec. 45, at Vigliena, CC.RR. arrested 10 persons of a criminal gang wanted for various robberies.

37. On 15th Dec. 45, at Naples, a civilian fatally shot his mistress for jealousy. He was arrested and the case is sub judice.

38. On 18th Dec. 45, at Scali, a civilian employed of the Municipio killed a father and son (age 11 years) with chopper and robbed their house. Murderer apprehended.

39. On 22nd Dec. 45, at Port of Naples, 10 Italian pioneer soldiers were arrested for stealing 12 sacks of flour from Railway car.

40. On 21st Dec. 45, at Lacedonia, a fight occurred between CC.RR. and gangsters over a truck of contraband grain being illegally transported by gang. 2 hand grenades were thrown and 30 shots fired. Thieves decamped in darkness. Truck and property recovered.

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41. On 22nd Dec. 45, a Yugoslav from refugee camp quarrelled with his mates and was beaten up with fatal results. Enquiries continue.

42. On 19th Dec. 45, at Torre Annunziata, a British sentry shot and seriously injured 2 thieves attempting larceny.

43. On 19th Dec. 45, information was received from APM, that at Rocca Secca, a British NCO was fatally stabbed at a dance. SIB on enquiry.

44. On 20th Dec. 45, at Naples, a case of Allied medical drugs was stolen from the goods train. Enquiries in hand.

45. On 22nd Dec. 45, thieves entered British Fire Brigade Depot at Caserta and stole 5 large tents.

46. On 23rd Dec. 45, at S. Antimo, thieves boarded a stationary railway train and stole therefrom 10 cases of soap. Shots were exchanged and the property recovered.

47. On 24th Dec. 45, at Nola, CC.RR. interrupted the conveyence of stolen petrol on an Allied truck. Members of the LA MARCA gang were passengers and shots were exchanged. Truck and petrol cans recovered.

There were many minor incidents where prospective thieves were shot at by armed sentries, some wounded and some frightened away. All efforts of Civil Police Agencies continue to be directed to the prevention and detection of crime and apprehension of offenders.

3. <u>Possession of Firearms</u>.

Few permits are being granted to possess firearms and cases are reviewed from this Office. 1881

During the month the following weapons have been recovered by CC.RR., and in this connection this Office is following up enquiries to trace store of black powder, looted from Ammunition Dumps, and being used to make fireworks :-

11	Rifles
19	Pistols
7	Revolvers
23	Hand grenades
9	Shotguns
	Explosives
24	Daggers and Bayonets
	Ammunition
21	Muskets

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4. Conduct of Military Personnel.

The conduct of Military Personnel has improved generally, except as regards the American coloured soldiers. Owing to the shortage of Allied Military Police in this area, the situation could be much worse.

Drunkenness of Allied personnel has shown a marked decrease, even over the holiday period when this lapse is expected. Number of cases of sale of Military goods, especially cigarettes to civilians, still remains high.

Some of the outstanding cases for the month of December, involving Allied Military Personnel are as follows :-

1. On 30th Nov. 45, at Nola, 3 unidentified persons wearing American uniform, held up and robbed a tradesman of cash and a cycle.

2. On 30th Nov. 45, at Caserta, 2 American coloured soldiers held up and robbed 3 civilians of 3000 lire.

3. On 30th Nov. 45, at Naples, 2 unknown American soldiers beat up a civilian because of a woman.

4. On 30th Nov. 45, at Naples, 3 unknown American soldiers beat up a civilian who is now in hospital.

5. On 30th Nov. 45, at Naples, American MPs shot and killed a civilian suspected of having stolen a pocket book.

6. On 1st Dec. 45, at Caserta, a Polish soldier quarrelled with, and stabbed a British soldier.

7. On 1st Dec. 45, at Pagani, 3 American soldiers, armed, held up civilians in a motor car and robbed them of 820.000 lire.

8. On 2nd Dec. 45, at Naples, 3 American coloured soldiers held up and robbed a civilian of cash, watch and raincoat.

9. On 2nd Dec. 45, at Caserta, 3 American soldiers shot and killed a civilian whilst robbing him.

10. On 3rd Dec. 45, at Naples, a civilian was beaten up and hospitalized by 2 unknown American soldiers.

11. On 3rd Dec. 45, at Naples, a woman was injured by 2 unknown American soldiers.

12. On 3rd Dec. 45, at Caserta, 2 unknown American soldiers, armed, held up and robbed a civilian of 7000 lire.

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13. On 4th Dec. 45, at Naples, a civilian was badly beaten up by 3 unknown American soldiers.

14. On 4th Dec. 45, at Giugliano a civilian was held up and robbed of cash and watch by unknown American soldiers.

15. On 5th Dec. 45, at Caserta, an American soldier in a Camp, for no apparent reason, fired in the street and killed a boy aged 15 years.

16. On 7th Dec. 45, at Naples, a civilian was wounded by pistol shot from unknown American soldier.

17. On 7th Dec. 45, at Naples, an American Officer and a soldier, beat up a civilian, over a woman.

18. On 8th Dec. 45, at Naples, a coloured American soldier shot a civilian during a quarrel. Civilian in hospital.

19. On 8th Dec. 45 at Naples, a civilian was fatally shot by an American coloured soldier.

20. On 9th Dec. 45, at Naples, a civilian was shot and injured by a coloured soldier during a quarrel over a woman.

21. On 10th Dec. 45, 3 American sailors beat up a civilian at Port of Naples.

22. On 11th Dec. 45, at Naples, an unknown American soldier beat up and injured a civilian.

23. On 12th Dec. 45, at Naples, 3 unknown coloured soldiers held up and robbed a civilian, stealing 500 lire and jewellery.

24. On 13th Dec. 45, at Caserta, an American Sergeant, killed a civilian after a quarrel over a woman.

25. On 13th Dec. 45, at Torre Annunziata, a group of American sailors from a ship in the port assaulted C.M.P. on duty, who prevented prostitutes being taken on the ship.

26. On 14th Dec. 45, at Pozzuoli, a civilian was fatally shot by an unknown American soldier.

27. On 15th Dec. 45, at Naples, 2 unknown British soldiers held up and robbed a civilian.

28. On 17th Dec. 45, at Naples, an unknown Canadian soldier held up and robbed a civilian.

29. On 19th Dec. 45, at Torre Annunziata, an unknown British soldier shot and injured a civilian.

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30. On 21st Dec. 45, at Giugliano, 3 unknown British soldiers held up and robbed a civilian.

31. On 22nd Dec. 45, at Casoria, an unknown American soldier shot and seriously injured a civilian.

32. On 26th Dec. 45, at Naples, 7 unknown British soldiers, being given a lift on a truck carrying grain, forced the driver from the vehicle and drove off. Empty truck since recovered.

33. On 27th Dec. 45, at Pozzuoli, 3 unknown American coloured soldiers held up and robbed 3 civilian of 94.000 lire.

There are 15 reported cases of minor assaults to civilians, in the streets by American coloured soldiers, and several reports of attempted robberies by such soldiers.

5. Venereal Disease.

All Civil and Military Police combine efforts to prevent the spread of VD in this area, and it can be said that there is a comparatively low record for a city of the nature and population of Naples.

In the eternal fight against this disease, combined Vice Squads have checked 685 known prostitutes during the month. Of these 38 were found to be infected, or suspected of infection, and were detained for necessary treatment.

143 clandestine prostitutes were arrested during the month, and on 20th Dec. 45, there were 399 undergoing treatment or observation for VD.

This situation is being carefully watched.

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6. Relations with Military Police and Security Services.

Continue 100% cordial.

7. Functioning of Courts.

On 31st Dec. 45 the Naples Port Court will close and all outstanding cases will be turned over to the Italian Courts which continue to work well, and these cases are in hand. The Legal Officer is remaining to clear up outstanding matters. See also Part VI (22) in this connection.

8. Other points affecting Civil Police.

Shortage of clothing, arms and equipment, personnel, transport and communications, make the suppression of crime and upkeep of law and order more difficult for the few. Despite these

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deficiencies and difficulties, the fight against crimes goes on day and night, and considering all sides of the question, with satisfactory results. Although there has been a recent crime wave which was a natural sequence to the following factors :- rise in unemployment; return of POWs; the winter season; long dark evenings, and rise in cost of living, there has been a corresponding number of arrests by civil Police, and in most cases of such arrests, stolen property has been recovered.

Re-inforcements of Carabinieri are urgently wanted, particularly as there is a shortage of Allied Military Police.

PART (II) SECURITY

9. Sabotage

No cases reported.

10. Strikes and Lockouts.

There have been very few strikes during the month, and the major incidents are :-

1. On 3rd Dec. 45, 2000 workmen, who had struck for an increase in monthly pay, of the petroleum factory at Vigliana, returned to work when their pay was increased by 2800 lire per month. No incidents.

2. All nurses at Naples Civilian Hospital struck for a few hours following agitation over the payment of a bohus of 5000 lire promised. All returned to duty without incident the same day, when this matter was adjusted.

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11. Other Civil Disturbances.

1. On 30th Nov. 45, 600 workers employed by Allied in Port of Naples were dismissed through lack of work. Great agitation is felt by these workers, as there is difficulty in finding other suitable employment. No incidents at present.

2. On 1st Dec. 45, 100 Ex POW's (Reduci) went to Genio Civile, asking for work. Being promised employment, they dispersed without incident.

3. On 4th Dec. 45, 130 part-time workmen of Naples Port ,went to local Chamber of Labour to protest against lack of work. No incidents.

4. On 7th Dec. 45, 400 merchant seamen went to the Capitaneria di Porto, to protest against the alleged improper employment of 50 seamen, by a Navigation Society. No incidents.

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5. On 10th Dec. 45, at Frattamaggiore 100 Ex POW's who protested to the Head Engineer, Genio Civile, because of unemployment, dispersed without incident.

6. On 12th Dec. 45, 200 merchant seamen demonstrated at local Camera del Lavoro, because of unemployment. No incidents.

7. On 17th Dec. 45, 200 Ex POW's (Reduci) demonstrated at Genio Civile on account of unemployment. No incidents.

8. On 18th Dec. 45, some 600 students of Naples High Schools demonstrated against re-institution of war-suspended written examinations. Several windows were broken and furniture damaged. Vigilance kept.

9. On 19th Dec. 45, further demonstration by students. 400 left the schools and refused to continue studies.

10. On 18th Dec. 45, further demonstration by 200 Reduce (Ex POW's) for work. No incidents.

11. On 21st Dec. 45, further demonstration by students for some reason. Windows broken at School Casanova. Scholars on 'strike'. No further incidents.

12. On 22nd Dec. 45, following a final demonstration, the students all returned to school and the lessons continued. No further incidents up to the holidays.

12. <u>State of Public Morale</u>.

On the believed stable formation of the new Italian Government, public morale rose and all are now keenly concerned with the coming elections.

The forthcoming holiday spirit is apparent, and with the partial amelioration of the distress of the Reduci by funds from local public entertainments, etc. the general outlook for the new year is one of anticipation and hope for better living conditions.

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Prices of some essential commodities are already falling; grant of bonus's to most of the city's employees, has counteracted to some extent, the high price of food.

13. <u>Public Meetings</u>.

Some 96 Public Meetings were held during the month. No incidents or demonstrations occurred.

Several changes have occurred in the leadership of the Political Parties, and a new Party called "The National Union of War Damaged People" has been formed, with a membership of some

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25000 persons (believed). Central Office in Naples. This Party aims at the assistance to war damaged people in the distribution of food and clothing assigned to U.N.R.R.A. Party is controlled by a Committee of 6. Up to the present no political views have been advanced. The General Secretary, a journalist, has communistic leanings.

Of the Public Meetings held, the important ones are :-

1. On 16th Dec. 45, at Galleria Umberto, Naples, Italian Democtratic Party. 250 persons attended. Subject was "The Return of the Italian POW's from India". Committees formed. This is likely to be a point of contention.

2. On 16th Dec. 45, at Cinema 'Aurora' meeting of Committee for return of abovementioned 600,000 Italian POW's from India and America, theme was censure on Government for lack of interest in this matter. 500 persons attended. No untoward incidents.

3. On 30th Dec. 45, at San Carlo Opera House, Naples, Italian Republican Party. Some 4000 persons attended. Theme was international political situation of Italy - censure of weak action of monarchy and depression caused by decisions of the Moscow meeting to the prejudice of Italy. No disorder or unusual incidents.

14. Appreciation of General Security Situation.

Satisfactory - nothing outstanding to report.

15. Civilian Internees.

(a) General Position

No figures available.

(b) Number of Internees in Civil Prisons.

Nil.

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PART (III) LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

16. Steps taken with regard to registration of motor vehicles.

On 23 November 1945 the responsibility for approval of automobile circulation permits passed from this Office to that of the Prefect, who appointed a Committee for this purpose.

The new Committee consists of 7 members, as under, and will examine all applications for licences for the period commencing the new year 1946 :-

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1. Representative, Camera di Commercio, Industria ed Agricoltura;
2. Representative, Ispettorato Motorizzazione Civile;
3. Representative, Ufficio Provinciale Industria e Commercio;
4. Representative, Direttore of R.A.C.I.
5. Representative, R. Questura;
6. Representative, R. Prefettura;
7. Representative, R. Carabinieri.

In this way it is hoped to keep a constant check on the economic issue of licences and prevent irregularities and waste of petrol.

The number of Permits issued for the year 1945 and expiring 31 December, are as under :-

Motorcycles	Motor cars	Trucks and Lorries
207	3118	2360

The above Committee are already doing good work in the necessary elimination of unessential applications for permits.

17. Problems in connection with registration etc.

There are yet no new problem in connection with registration as above.

18. Control of Civilian Movement.

All movement to foreign countries now dealt with by Consulates concerned.

PART (IV) FIRE

19. General Report on :-

(a) Efficiency.

Satisfactory.

Strength :- Officers 14
Men 866

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(b) State of Equipment.

Tyres, tubes and hose, still urgently required to obtain maximum efficiency of Brigade.

(c) Brief details of any serious fires.

1. On 13th Dec.1945, at San Giovanni a Teduccio Railway Yard, Naples, a fire started in a stationary goods train on the siding. Cause unknown. One waggon containing Allied Military supplies was totally gutted. No casualties. Fire extinguished by Naples Brigade and prompt action prevented spread. CC.RR. investigating cause.

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Many alarms occurred during month as result of firework displays and 46 small fires dealt with. There have been no serious conflagrations.

Collapse of Buildings.

On 28th December 1945, at Vomero, the wing of a large building collapsed, supposed as result of unstaple foundations from previous bombing by Germans.
Total casualties at present unknown, but up to date, 6 bodies have been recovered from the ruins (one, a Brigadiere of Carabinieri) and the search continues.
Fire Brigade actively engaged in operations, and gas, electricity and water connections made safe. Questoro investigating cause and responsibility.
In this connection, the Brigade have dealt with 19 dangerous structures during the month.

PART (V)

CIVIL DEFENCE

20. By whom controlled.

Remains under control of Comandante of Vigili del Fuoco.

21. State of Efficiency.

In the scheme laid down for the defence of Naples, G.3 P.B.S. will use the sirens still remaining to co-operation in defence plans, with Fire Brigade.

PART (VI)

PRISONS

22. Return of Figures of Inmates as shown :-

PRISONS	CAPACITY	AT PRESENT DETAINED				TOTAL
		Awaiting Trial		Sentenced		
		Men	Women	Men	Women	
Poggioreale Jud. Prison	2500	2622		1626		4248
" Women	500		152		164	216
Minor Prison S.Eframo	240	263		130		393
Filangieri Reformatory	150					132
Judiciary Insane Asylum	200	6		193		199

The overcrowding problem still remains, despite the transfer of a number of long-term prisoners elsewhere, but it is hoped that Allied requisitioned premises of the prison accommodation may shortly become available again.
The Director of Prisons has been instructed to compile a list of all outstanding cases of prisoners at the disposition of Allies who are still untried, so that a final check on handing over, may be made. In conjunction with Legal Officer, these outstanding cases will be reviewed and reported on.

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PART (VII) — FORGED AMG CURRENCY

23. Number of cases brought to notice.

All such currency is being passed by this Office directly to Questura for enquiry and investigation.
There has been a noticeable decrease in forged currency in this area during past month, but a close watch is maintained by all Police Agencies for this class of offence.

PART (VIII) — GENERAL

24. List of P.S. Personnel.

1. Major A.C. SAUNDERS, No. 279320 (B) Public Safety Officer
2. Major F.P. LUCKMAN, No.O-901608(A) completed duty here on 2nd December 1945, and returned to U.S.A. on 10th December 1945.

25. Synopsis of General Public Safety Situation.

Following bi-monthly meetings with heads of Allied Military Police Departments all Civil Police Agencies work in close co-operation with Military Police. As result of raids mentioned in foregoing chapters, the Civil Police have raised their esteem in the eyes of the public, and the local criminals now know that the Police mean business.

When the Mobile Patrol Squads get working properly, it is anticipated that their effect will be felt immediately, as the CC.RR. have been hampered for lack of transport for some considerable time.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/6.7

Date 31 December 1945

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT ACTIVITIES - DECEMBER 1945.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Public Safety Sub-Commission).

Review of Situation for past year, and Closing Report for A.M.G. Naples Commune.

During the past 12 months there have been many changes in the position of all Civil Police Agencies, Carabinieri, despite their handicaps in the way of transport, communications, arms and clothing, have waged perpetual war on criminals and many arrests have been made. Two well known and dangerous gangsters, who had the local population terrified by their complete and well armed organizations for commission of crime, have been eliminated after continued action by Police, whereby many CC.RR. were injured. The combined Police raids organized from this Office have had much to do with the final overthrow of these criminals, and the morale of the Police involved have increased with each success. When CC.RR. see that they have the support of controlling Offices, their efficiency is doubled.

Rations have improved and this fact is specially appreciated by all. Pay has been increased on two occasions to counteract rise in cost of living, and a bonus has been issued. Some 2000 complete sets of uniforms are urgently needed to re-clothe the returned CC.RR. as PCW, who are now unable to perform their duties for this lack.

Barracks accommodation has improved, but there are still many important and necessary CC.RR. buildings under Allied requisition.

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The position of the other Civil Police Agencies compare with the Carabinieri, and the Municipal Guards are taking over more of the traffic control daily from Military Police. Traffic facilities in the City have improved enormously.

It is anticipated that a barracks of the Finance Guards

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will soon be de-requisitioned, and this will immediately increase the efficiency and morale of this Branch, who have been cramped for space and have had to billet men with private families.

From the number of Civil Police Agents commended by Allied Military Officers, it will be seen that they are all doing their work well and many Questurini have gained promotion during the year for zealous service and devotion to duty.

The Prison Staff are now well equipped and organized under their able Director, Colonel BONCMI. Despite the overcrowding and cramped conditions prevailing, visits to these prisons reveal that they are clean and sanitary. Workshops are provided and the inmates make furniture, alluminum ware, and cutlery, which is sold to the Italian Army subsequently.

The female section, is particularly more like a convent than a prison, and the sister-wardresses are particularly clean and efficient. The U.N.R.R.A. offices have been interested in this prison and films (of deterrent nature) have been shown to the inmates, under supervision.

The Fire Brigade, under Commandante FELSANI has improved to such an extent that the Brigade has now taken over many military commitments for fire-fighting services in the Port of Naples. Whilst the Brigade still lacks equipment and vehicles, the morale of the men is excellent and for fire fighting in this area, no outside assistance has been necessary, to date.

The Licensing and Registration of vehicles is now completely in the hands of R.A.C.I., assisted by a Committee, as shown in Monthly Report. No further supervision is necessary in this respect, and the policy laid down by Public Safety Officers in the past, with regard to the licensing primarily of essential services, will be adhered to.

The eternal political problems of Naples are ably supervised by a special department of the Questura, and full information is available of doubtful characters assuming leadship of Political Associations for personal gain.

Likewise the Vice Squads have kept adequate control over prostitution and by their undivided efforts have kept the spread of this V.D. scourge to a minimum, consistent with an overcrowded and cosmopolitan city. V.D. is now at its lowest incident for Allied troops.

All the foregoing facts have proved the effective action of AMG Public Safety Control of Civil Police Services and now that the critical periods of public safety are past, it can be said that this

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control has shown beyond doubt, the wisdom and efficiency of such a policy.

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Date 1 December 1945

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES + NOVEMBER 1945.

TO : HQ ALCOM (Attn: Public Safety Sub-Commission).

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/ 6.7

Date 1 December 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Activities - November 1945

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(Attention of the Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission).

Submitted herewith is the report of Activities for the month of November 1945, in respect of Public Safety Division, Naples Commune, and set out in accordance with AC/14027/PS dated 17th Jan 45:-

PART (I)

CIVIL POLICE

1. Civil Police

		Officers	O/Rs	Remarks
(a) Strength-	Carabinieri Reali...	51	1234	-
	Agenti di P.S.....	128	3552	-
	Guardie di Finanza.	23	1491	-
	Guardie Municipali.	-	68	-
	Corpo Forestale....	7	21	

(b) Re-inforcements from elsewhere:

Carabinieri Reali	Nil
Agenti di P.S.	Nil

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On authority of Ministry in question, arrangements are in hand to retire all Carabinieri from service, who enlisted in the years 1919 to 1921.

As regards Agents di P.S. under a special degree of 21.8.45, selected men who took part in liberation of Italy, with Allied Forces and Partisans, who have clean records, may be enlisted into the P.S. Service, and an office has been opened in the Questura for this purpose.

(c) Report on efficiency, condition of uniforms, state of transport and communications.

Despite the lack of essential transport and proper communications (which deficiencies do not appear to be confined to this area) and provision of better uniforms, modern arms and equipment, work continues satisfactorily in proportion to the

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numbers of Police now available for service. With provision of the above necessities, a marked change in the state of public order and prevention of crime will be immediately forthcoming. Winter clothing, especially rain-coats, are required for Questurini and Municipal Guards, and this matter is being taken up.

2. Crime

Official crime statistics for month under review are as follows:-

	Number of crimes committed	Number of persons arrested
Homicide	1	2
Suicide	10	-
Robbery	20	13
Assault on Police	40	43
Assault indecent	2	3
Other assaults	57	43
Theft or illegal dealing in Allied property	257	271
Theft or illegal dealing in rationed commodities	169	169
Overcharging	334	334
Miscellaneous	310	299
Breaking and entering	76	20
Fraud	74	36
Forgery AMG currency	6	4
Theft of motor vehicles	3	6
Other thefts	696	287
Prostitutes	347	233
Pimps and Touts	50	44
Unlicensed brothels	38	38

An important feature in Police activities against criminals and gangsters in the Baiano and Valle di Lauro (Avellino) Areas, was a combined Civil and Allied Military Police raid and check of suspects. Following continuous complaints and criminal depredations from this area, the raid, which started at 2300 hours on 13th November 1945, terminated at 1600 hours the next day, involved the following:- 1871

4 officers, 17 N.C.Os and 178 CC.RR. of the Naples Mobile Battalion and one officer, 28 N.C.Os and 117 CC.RR. of the Avellino Group, a total of 345 men and with the participation of Agents and motor vehicles of the Naples Allied Military Police.

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Results:-

13 arrested persons, 8 upon warrant of arrest, 2 for illegal carrying of firearms and 3 for theft of Allied motor vehicle, which was seized together with the sum of 258,000 lire in possession of the suspects.
141 persons stopped for P.S. measures;
897 individual persons searched;
586 houses searched.

Property seized includes:-

13 rifles
4 pistols
1 musket
5 daggers
A large amount of linen, clothing, equipment and various items, including a radio set and some containers of insecticides, belonging to the Allied and Italian Armed Forces.
32 qls of wheat - seized in transport as contraband;
40 cattle - seized because some of them were without necessary documents and had not the authorization of transfer from the SEPRAL concerned.
In total 6349 persons and 1225 vehicles were checked.
The operation caused a great satisfaction amongst the lawful population, and has greatly improved the standing and morale of Civil Police involved.

A similar raid on smaller scale was carried out at Secondigliano, Naples, and as a result of the searches, a large quantity of Allied property was recovered, and Military Police apprehended some 30 American Coloured soldiers, armed without authority and 6 prostitutes.
The following day, another 80 such soldiers were stopped, together with 5 prostitutes. This check-up was the result of several complaints received by Police, of the incidents in this area, caused by above soldiers and prostitutes.

During night of 15/16th November 1945 in vicinity of Arenella, Naples, Carabinieri organized a spot check and search, following complaints of incidents in this area.
Some 85 persons were stopped and searched; a small truck, American make, which was found to have been stolen from American Unit by a coloured soldier, was recovered but the occupants fled before they could be arrested.
The whole check service had a good effect on local population and increased the morale of Civil Police participating.

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Some of the other incidents of note which occurred during the month are as follows:-

1. On 4th November 1945, at Naples Port, 4 criminals were arrested, caught stealing Military tyres; 1 man wounded by Carabinieri whilst attempting to escape. Property recovered.

2. In Nola area (See Report for month of October 1945) on 10.11.45, four members of the MANCA Gang were arrested by CC.RR., whilst in possession of a sub-machine gun, a rifle and 2 hand grenades (British make). Patrols and checks continue in this potentially criminal area.

3. On 8.11.45, at Maddaloni, a Military Police patrol interrupted criminals in a British bakery. A gun battle ensued, and a British Sergeant was killed and OR wounded. The criminal leader of the gang of four concerned was killed whilst attempting to escape, and enquiries continue by CC.RR. and MPs to trace other culprits. Subsequently, six suspects were arrested.

4. On 3.11.45, at railway tracks near Frattamaggiore-Caserta, shots were exchanged with a gang who had thrown sacks of flour from the wagons to the rails. Thieves decamped. Property recovered. This offence prevalent and deterrent action being taken.

5. On 9.11.45, at Central Station, Naples, the train to Reggio Calabria, slowed up owing to a wagon overturning. Thieves used the opportunity to loot, and quick intervention of CC.RR. and P.S. recovered property and arrested 2 known criminals.

6. At Torre del Greco, on 10.11.45, a known criminal was shot and killed by CC.RR. whilst stealing Allied property.

7. On 5.11.45, at Albanova (Aversa) whilst train was stopped as result of accident due to short circuit, a criminal gang assaulted the coaches. The passengers panic stricken and fled to the surrounding fields whilst their property was being looted. The gang was well armed - sub-machine gun and pistols, and when the CC.RR. arrived a gun battle ensued. 1 CC.RR. killed and 1 Agent wounded. At the close of this incident, an immediate check-up was organized with 100 CC.RR. and 36 criminals were subsequently arrested. 5 rifles, 5 pistols, 2 shotguns, 4 hand grenades and several daggers were recovered by Police, also a quantity of Allied property; (this incident forms subject of special report to Public Safety Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, HQ).

8. On 12.11.45, criminal gang attacked Allied trucks (driven by German P.O.W.) at Via Vittorio Veneto - Autostrada, Naples, and looted property. CC.RR. patrols instituted for deterrent action. 3 suspects arrested.

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9. On 11.11.45 at Naples Smistamento, on railway track, Agents interrupted a criminal gang who were looting wagons of a goods train. 14 persons were arrested, 2 of whom were wounded by pistol shots. All stolen property recovered.

10. On 15.11.45 at Case Minime Naples, a Carabiniere interrupted a gang of 4 criminals, who fired and seriously injured the CC.RR. patrol. 4 criminals arrested.

11. On 17.11.45 at Casoria, 12 criminals were arrested by CC.RR. for theft of 21 boxes containing 220,000 cigarettes stolen from British R.S.D. on 27.9.45. Most of property recovered.

12. On 15.11.45 at Torre Annunziata, armed criminals held up and robbed travellers from Milan. Property valued 500,000 lire alleged stolen. Deterrent action taken and suspects being interrogated.

13. On 15.11.45, at Avellino, Finance Guards stopped a truck marked AMG, loaded with 18 quintals of contraband grain. 2 persons arrested.

14. On 22.11.45, 9 children playing at Via Traccia, found a fuse ignitor and when this exploded, 4 children were killed and remainder severely injured. A search was immediately made, and other dangerous explosives (believed to be Allied property) were removed.

15. On 17.11.45, at Aversa, the train from Rome to Naples was held up by armed, criminals and property of passengers was looted. Before assistance was forthcoming, the thieves decamped. Deterrent action in this prevalent offence, being taken.

16. On 20.11.45, at Torre del Greco, suspects were interrogated for murder of a Sergeant Major of Polish Corps, whose body was found hanging to a tree in garden, on 23.10.45. Enquiries continue.

17. Following plane crash at Commune of San Lupo, Benevento, on 17.11.45, 8 British soldiers were killed and plane destroyed by fire.

18. ON 16.11.45 at Serracapriola an Indian soldier was fatally shot by civilian. S.I.B. on investigation. 1930

19. On 18.11.45 at Naples, British Sergeant wounded by knife thrust. Assailant, a civilian, unknown. S.I.B. investigating.

20. On 21.11.45, a British sentry at Naples depot, shot and killed a civilian who was attempting to steal from Car Park.

21. On 21.11.45, 10 Yugoslavs who were under the influence of drink, fired pistol shots into a crowd of civilians at Eboli. Shots

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were returned. CC.RR. arrived and one arrest was made, other culprits decamped.

Many minor incidents of theft of Allied property and arrests of criminals are reported for month under review, all efforts of Civil Police are directed to prevention and detection of crime and arrest of criminals.

3. Possession of Firearms.

In this connection, and further to the foregoing, it is obvious that whilst few law-abiding citizens are granted permits to carry firearms, the large criminal population of this over-crowded city can find arms at any time for their nefarious work. Carabinieri have, however, been strenuous in recovering firearms and explosives which were, or could have been used by persons of evil intent.

The following such weapons were so recovered during the month:-

5 rifles
1 machine gun
29 pistols
11 hand grenades
6 shotguns
15 daggers and bayonets.

4. Conduct of Military Personnel.

Whilst the conduct of Military Personnel remains satisfactory in relation to circumstances of enviroment and transit, there is room for improvement, particularly as regards coloured American troops. The position has also deteriorated as result of lack of Allied Military Police, who are now at a minimum strength through LIAP and release.

Drunkenness of Allied personnel has shown a marked decrease; pilfering and sale of such Allied property to civilians at black-market prices, still remains high.

Some outstanding cases for the month of November 1945, are as shown:- 1864

1. On 1.11.45 at Via Galileo Ferraris, Naples, 3 American soldiers (2 coloured) held up a civilian truck, required the driver to leave the vehicle, which was then stolen.

2. On 1.11.45, at Naples, a coloured American soldier held up and robbed 2 civilians of cash.

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3. On 1.11.45 at Naples, an unknown American soldier, drunk, assaulted a civilian and seriously injured him.

4. On 1.11.45, at Naples, several unknown coloured American soldiers assaulted a Carabiniere for no reason. CC.RR. in hospital.

5. On 31.10.45, at Naples, 2 coloured soldiers unknown, assaulted and injured a civilian, for unknown reasons.

6. On 1.11.45, at Catanzaro Marina, 5 coloured American soldiers robbed a civilian of 87,000 lire.

7. On 3.11.45, at Naples Station an unknown man was killed by British soldier by shooting.

8. On 6.11.45, at Santa Maria C.V., a drunken Polish soldier fired shots into crowd of civilians and injured 4 persons.

9. On 6.11.45, at Avellino, a fight occurred between 2 British and 3 Polish soldiers, over a prostitute, who was assaulted as a result.

10. On 8.11.45, at Casoria, a civilian was shot in the arm by 2 coloured American soldiers, unknown.

11. On 4.11.45, at Grumo Nevano, Naples, 8 coloured American soldiers, armed, held up a Cafè and stole 3 bottles of liquor. On decamping in truck, they machine-gunned passers-by severely injuring 3 persons.

12. On 6.11.45, at Catanzaro, a fight ensued between 2 British soldiers and civilians, who were robbed of 30,000 lire.

13. On 4.11.45, at Naples, a civilian was seriously injured by American coloured soldier, unknown.

14. On 5.11.45 at Castellammare, 3 American coloured soldiers, wearing MP armbands, held up and stole a motor car from Italian driver.

15. On 5.11.45, at Naples, a civilian was assaulted by an unknown American soldier, who decamped. 1866

16. On 9.11.45, an unknown British soldier in company with Italian civilian held up and robbed a man of 20,000 lire, at Naples.

17. On 9.11.45, at Naples, a civilian was assaulted and injured by unknown American Officer.

18. On 10.11.45, at Caserta, an unknown British soldier accompanied by civilian, robbed a man of 2500 lire.

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19. On 15.11.45, at Avellino, a civilian was robbed of 3700 lire by several British soldiers, unknown.

20. On 15.11.45, a civilian was injured by assault from unknown American coloured soldiers, at Naples.

21. On 14.11.45, a civilian was assaulted and injured by unknown British soldier, at Naples.

22. On 14.11.45, at Naples, a civilian was robbed of 1000 lire and documents by 3 unknown American soldiers.

23. On 14.11.45, at Naples, a civilian was assaulted and injured by an unknown British soldier.

24. On 15.11.45, at Naples, a civilian was assaulted and injured by an unknown British soldier.

25. On 16.11.45, at Pozzuoli, a civilian was shot by an American soldier, unknown, and now lies in hospital.

26. On 16.11.45, at Casoria, a civilian was held up and robbed of 800 lire by 2 coloured American soldiery, unknown.

27. On 17.11.45, at Naples, damage was done in a cafè, to extent of 170,000 lire, by 3 drunken American Marines.

28. On 17.11.45, at Naples, a civilian was shot at and hospitalized by a drunken Allied soldier, unknown.

29. On 19.11.45, at Naples, a civilian was shot in right arm, by unidentified American soldier.

30. On 19.11.45, at Naples, near Autostrada, a civilian was shot and injured by an unknown coloured American soldier.

31. On 19.11.45, at Naples, 4 coloured American soldiers unidentified, beat up and injured a cafè proprietor.

32. On 19.11.45, at Naples, an unknown coloured American soldier held up and robbed a civilian of 500 lire and his documents, then decamped.

33. On 19.11.45, at Casoria, on road to Naples, 3 American coloured soldiers armed, held up and assaulted 4 civilians, robbing them of cash and jewellery value about 200,000 lire.

34. On 19.11.45, at Castellammare, a civilian was assaulted and injured by 3 alleged drunken British soldiers, unidentified.

35. On 20.11.45, at Torre Annunziata, 3 civilians were robbed of over 200,000 lire by 4 unknown Allied soldiers.

36. On 19.11.45, at Caserta, a civilian was fatally shot by 4 unidentified American soldiers.

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37. On 18.11.45, at Naples, a civilian was held up and robbed of 20,000 lire and his documents by 2 Allied soldiers, unidentified.

38. On 21.11.45, at Naples, a civilian was held up and robbed of documents by an unknown British soldier.

39. On 24.11.45, at Naples, a civilian was fatally shot by an unidentified American soldier.

40. On 26.11.45, at Naples, 3 unknown American soldiers held up and robbed 7 civilians of 30,000 lire and jewellery, then decamped.

5. Venereal Disease.

All Civil and Military Police efforts are concentrated in the fight against the spread of V.D. in this area. Police Vice Squads and Special Questurini patrols continue co-operation in the checking of female suspects and prevention and suppression of clandestine prostitution.

More than 400 women were inspected for V.D. during the month in question and hospital detention was forthcoming where required.

Whilst the V.D. incident rate has slightly decreased in ratio to white Allied troops, there has been an increase in cases contracted by American coloured troops.

The situation is being carefully watched.

6. Relations with Military Police and Security Services.

Continue 100% cordial.

7. Functioning of Courts.

Both Italian and AMG Courts are functioning well and are in hand with outstanding cases.

Now that the Legal Officer has left this Headquarters, matters of legal importance are passed direct to Legal Sub-Commission, Rome.

8. Other points affecting Civil Police.

Shortage of clothing, arms and equipment, personnel, transport and communications, make the suppression of crime and upkeep of law and order more difficult for the few. Despite these deficiencies and difficulties, the fight against crime goes on day and night, and considering all sides of the question, with satisfactory results.

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PART (II) SECURITY

9. Sabotage.

No cases reported.

10. Strikes and Lock-outs.

There have been several strikes amongst the local workers of Naples during the month, but no serious disorder or incidents have arisen therefrom.

A short summary of more important strikes are as follows:-

1. Strike of fruit and vegetable sellers 29.10.45 (mentioned in October Report) was settled on 1.11.45, and all involved returned to work.

2. On 1.11.45, all city bakers held a meeting to strike in order to obtain an increase in price of bread, and particularly a revision in the system of inspection of bakeries. The Association of Free Bakers of Naples examined the requests made to the Authorities and in view of a likely amicable settlement no strike was actually forthcoming.

3. On 30.10.45, workers of the Southern Milling Society, Naples, went on strike to ask employment of an additional 170 unemployed members. They returned to work the next day to prevent damage to grain ready for milling. No incidents or disorder.

4. On 30.10.45, 80 employees of the National Insurance Institution of Naples returned to work, after receiving confirmation of wage increases. (Strike reported in October Report).

5. On 5.11.45, 200 Ex P.O.W., abandoned their work at Vomero and went to Central Office of Genio Civile to demand increase in pay. Assured of satisfactory terms, they returned to work immediately without untoward incidents.

6. On 5.11.45, all fish sellers in local markets ceased work owing to low returns from their trade. A deputation was received by the Prefect, and after examination of terms, they returned to work the following day, without incidents. All fish held was sent inland to prevent waste. 1363

7. On 13.11.45, 50 Ex P.O.Ws employed by the Co-operative Patria at Vomero, went on strike for increased pay. On being assured of a compromise, they all returned to work same day, without incident.

8. On 26.11.45, all Nurses of the Psychiatric Hospital protested against their conditions and demanded 25 lire per day indemnity

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and advance money on liberation prize. No actual strike yet and position is being watched carefully.

Throughout above periods public order has been maintained and no untoward incidents arose.

11. Other Civil Disturbances.

1. On 2.11.45, at Ex P.O.W. workshops of Via Nuova Marina, 3 persons incited a crowd of 500 workmen to demonstrate against the alleged proposed reduction of 50 lire per day from their pay, for food supplied.
Although there was no truth in this statement, the demonstrators attacked the foreman and assaulted him, so that he was taken to hospital.
On arrival of Police at the scene, the demonstrators were quietened and subsequently dispersed. The three culprits were arrested and the matter is under investigation.

2. On 7.11.45, a number of Partisans of the ANPI Association, broke into the office of the R.C.A. and removed furniture. 5 persons were identified and enquiry has been instituted.

3. On 26.11.45, 30 unemployed workmen of Street Repairs of Naples, went to the Municipio to protest and ask for re-instatement. No untoward incidents.

4. On 18.11.45, the inhabitants of Pianura and Soccavo Sections (some 200), went to local Municipio to protest against lack of street lighting and transport. No incident of importance.

5. On 16.11.45, at Comando Tappa, Naples, about 300 Ex P.O.Ws broke into the warehouse to obtain food.
A large quantity of food was removed before the arrival of Police who prevented further trouble, and enquiries to trace persons responsible are in hand.

6. On 17.11.45, at Provincial Labour Office, a group of workmen recently dismissed from the "Mira-Lanza" works, made representation, and some damage was done to windows and furniture.
On Police intervention all demonstrators decamped. The workmen in question (about 100) have been substituted by German prisoner labour. 1362

7. On 3.11.45, at Benevento, 200 P.O.Ws praising the United States, demonstrated at the Offices of the Communist Party and damaged furniture. Police were called and restored public order.

8. On 3.11.45, at Naples, 100 merchant seamen demonstrated at Prefettura against attitude of ship-owners. The Prefect received a deputation and order was restored without untoward incident.

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9. On 3.11.45, the Italian Federation of Iron Workers, has suggested the reduction of work of 1 hour daily so as to engage more Ex P.O.W. The matter is pending and the position will be watched.

10. On 4.11.45, at Boscoreale and Boscotrecase, inhabitants of these villages demonstrated against the Government for failure to separate the above villages from Naples. The manifestation ended an hour later, without incident.

11. The 89 Italians who were repatriated to Naples from America, have now all been placed, after check by Questura.

12. State of Public Morale.

Morale is low and keen disappointment is felt at the failure of the Italian Government, and consequent delay in popular election.
Depression is also evident from appreciation of the bad economic system, rising prices and cost of living generally; anticipated unemployment, lack of clothing and fuel for coming winter are viewed with apprehension by the working classes.

13. Public Meetings.

Some 92 Public Meetings of all parties have been held during the month . No incidents or demonstrations occurred.
From the eternal Political angle, several new and interesting new parties have been formed or are in process of formation.
Amongst the most important and potential, so far as Public Safety is concerned, is the "Fronte dell'Uomo Qualunque".

1. In Naples, the "Party of the Man in the Street", are followers of the well known playwriter Guglielmo GIANNINI, and members are being canvassed. No money is asked for from prospective members, and there appears to be ample funds available. Many members are alleged to be of fascist leanings. It is claimed that this party is ready to back the "right".
Many of the party's leading Officials are of doubtful integrity, and the future situation will be carefully watched; during the recent check-up, following denounciation for attempted constitution of anti-national association, 8 persons were interrogated and all were previously of the squadrista element. 1361

2. An "Italian Social Movement" has been formed in Naples, whose object is to organize and reconstruct on democratic basis, all hand and mind workers. There are about 200 followers up to date. Leaders are all anti-fascist. Small funds available.

3. A society of the "National Union of the Unemployed", which aims at proposing to the Government, measures in favour of the

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unemployed of the area. About 300 adherents at present. The leader is a social reformer and definitely anti-fascist.

4. The "Alliance of Democratic Liberty" has been formed in Naples. Aims at regional autonomy and leans towards the Monarchy.
Nothing known to detriment of leaders, and membership, believed small, also unknown.

5. The Society, "Italian Unionist Movement" (MUI) was formed in Naples, as branch from Rome.
Aims to support union with United States Federation and perpetual alliance by means of confederal agreement, abolishing customs, using same currency, equality of social, political and economic rights. Few followers here, and leaders (one a priest) have no penal records.

6. The Society "Lega Italo-Anglo-Americana", was formed in Naples. Aims to extend and promote the study of international life and thought of countries concerned. Leader is a teacher and has been abroad. Was formerly a lukewarm fascist, without part in politics. Membership unknown, but believed very small.

7. The "National University League" formed in Naples, with aim to assist all students. Small membership and not likely to be strongly political, although both leaders were previously members of fascist party in a mild way.

8. The "Campana Regional Association of the Friends of America" was formed here. Of non-political character, this Society promotes cultural and artistic relations between Southern Italy and United States. Small membership at present.

14. Appreciation of general security situation.

Satisfactory - nothing outstanding to report.

15. Civilian Internees.

(a) General Position

No figures available.

(b) Number of Internees in Civil Prisons.

Nil.

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PART (III)

LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

16. Steps taken with regard to registration of motor vehicles.

On 23 November 45 the responsibility for approval of automobile circulation permits passed from this office to that of the Prefect,

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who appointed a Committee for this purpose.
The new Committee consists of 6 members, as under, and will examine all applications for licenses for the period commencing the new year 1946 :-

1. Representative, Camera di Commercio, Industria ed Agricoltura;
2. Representative, Ispettorato Motorizzazione Civile;
3. Representative, Ufficio Provinciale Industria e Commercio;
4. Representative, Direttore of R.A.C.I;
5. Representative, Regia Questura;
6. Representative, Regia Prefettura.

In this way it is hoped to keep a constant check on the economic issue of licenses and prevent irregularities and waste of petrol.

17. Problems in connection with registration etc.

There are yet no new problems in connection with registration as above.

18. Control of Civilian Movement.

All movement to foreign countries now dealt with by Consulates concerned.

PART (IV) FIRE

19. General Report on :-

(a) Efficiency. Satisfactory.

Strength :- Officers 14
Men 866

(b) State of Equipment.

Tyres, tubes and hose, still urgently required to obtain maximum efficiency of Brigade.

(c) Brief details of any serious fires.

There were only two serious fires during the month, particulars as under :-

1. Fire occurred at 1030 on morning of 18th November 1945, on premises at Via Padre, Naples, in a furniture shop. Fire caused through a lighted blowlamp falling amongst inflammable material, and damage was caused to furniture and property valued at 1,000,000 lire.
The conflagration was restricted to the premises on the prompt action of Fire Brigade and was subsequently extinguished, by water from mains.
No personal injury.

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2. On 29th November, in the early hours, a fire occurred in the Parish Church of San Sossio, and damaged vestments, paintings, statues and ceilings, value totalling about 6,000,000 lire.
Cause of fire unknown, but investigations are proceeding.
Naples Brigade, together with Allied services extinguished the conflagration.

PART (V) — CIVIL DEFENCE

20. By whom controlled.

Remains under control of Comandante of Vigili del Fuoco.

21. State of Efficiency.

Satisfactory.

PART (VI) — PRISONS

22. Return of Figures of Inmates as shown:-

PRISONS	CAPACITY	AT PRESENT DETAINED				TOTAL
		Awaiting Trial		Sentenced		
		Men	Women	Men	Women	
Poggioreale Jud. Prison	2500	2539		1665		4204
" Women	500		147		200	347
Minor Prison S.Eframo	240	236		43		279
Filangieri Reformatory	150					112
Judiciary Insane Asylum	200	5		184		189

The problem of prison accommodation is becoming serious, and arrangements are in hand to transfer a group of long term prisoners to other suitable areas, so as to make available, space for persons awaiting trial and short-termers.

PART (VII) — FORGED AMG CURRENCY

23. Number of cases brought to notice.

All such currency is being passed directly to Questura for enquiry and investigation.
There has been a noticeable decrease in forged currency in this area during past month, but a close watch is maintained by all Police agencies for this class of offence.

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PART (VIII) — GENERAL

24. List of P.S. Personnel.

1. Major F.P. LUCKMAN - No. O-901608 (A) - S.C.A.P.O.
2. Major A.C. SAUNDERS-No. 279320 (B)- C.A.P.O.

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25. Synopsis of General Public Safety Situation.

Following bi-monthly meetings with heads of Allied Military Police departments all civil Police agencies work in close co-operation with Military Police. As result of raids mentioned in foregoing chapters, the Civil Police have raised their esteem in the eyes of the public, and the local criminals now know that the Police mean business.

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/6.7

Date 1 November 1945

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - OCTOBER 1945 -

TO CMLO HQ AAC AM (Attn: Public Safety Sub-Commission).

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/ 6.7 Date 1 November 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Activities - OCTOBER 1945 -

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(Attention of the Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission).

Submitted hereunder is the report of activities for the month of OCTOBER 1945, in respect of Public Safety Division, Naples Commune, and set out in accordance with AC/14027/PS dated 17 Jan 45:-

PART (I)

CIVIL POLICE

1. Civil Police

(a) Strength -

	Officers	O/Rs	Remarks
Carabinieri Reali..	50	1072	-
Agenti di P.S.....	127	3445	-
Guardie di Finanza.	23	1491	-
Guardie Municipali.	-	68	-
Corpo Forestale....	7	21	-

(b) Re-inforcement sent from elsewhere.

Carabinieri Reali	Nil
Agenti di P.S.	38

(c) Report on efficiency, condition of uniforms, state of transport and communications.

Work continues satisfactorily despite the shortage of personnel, transport and up-to-date firearms.

2. Crime.

Official crime statistics for month of October for Commune of Naples are as follows:-

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	Number of crime committed	Number of persons arrested
Homicide	1	1
Suicide	6	-
Robbery	32	23
Assault on Police	40	45
Assault indecent	5	7
Other Assaults	71	50
Theft or illegal dealing in Allied property	231	241
Theft or illegal dealing in rationed commodities	116	116
Overcharging	736	736
Miscellaneous	291	294
Breaking and entering	69	9
Fraud	97	36
Forged AMG currency	26	2
Other thefts	633	356
Prostitutes	301	261
Pimps and Touts	44	44
Unlicensed brothels	44	40
Theft of motor vehicles	6	8

The most important feature of the operations by the Police against lawlessness was a large combined raid on the Nola area, the district infested and terrorized by the LA MARCA gang. The raid was made at 2400 hours on Saturday 29th September and the raiding party was composed of 600 Carabinieri and 20 British M.Ps, carried in twenty lorries provided by 56 Area. On arrival in the area 64 road blocks were set up, manned by CC.RR. and M.Ps and during the next 12 hours 408 CC.RR. combed the area with the following results:-

160 houses searched

44 members and supporters of the LA MARCA gang arrested

40 other criminals arrested

MANZI Aniello, one of the leaders of the LA MARCA gang was found shot dead. He had been shot the same day whilst attempting to extort 2.000.000 lire from 2 brother named DI SOMMA. The news of his death was warmly welcomed by the population.

800 other persons were stopped and interrogated.

Much Allied property and various firearms, etc. were seized during the raid, including :-

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3 American 6 x 6 lorries
21 Rifles of various kinds
6 Pistols
28 Hand grenades
115 Tommy gun cartridges
2 Motor cycles
Clothing, blankets, etc.

The operation was considered highly satisfactory, not only for the results achieved, but as an indication that the Police mean business.

Other cases of note during the month under review are :-

1. On 25 Sept. one MAZZA Beniamino, a known criminal wanted by both Allied and Italian Police agencies was shot dead by a Questura Agent whilst resisting arrest.

2. On 10 Oct. an Italian Army Captain, the commander of the 78 Service Coy. and 13 Italian soldiers under his command were arrested by Allied Police accused of responsibility for the theft of Allied property to the value of 2.000.000 lire from Camp E.250 at Secondigliano.

3. On 13 Oct. a gang of 8 men were arrested by CC.RR. and S.I.B. working together. Allied property to the value of 500.000 lire was recovered.

4. On 14 Oct. another gang of four were arrested by CC.RR. at Torre Annunziata. The arrest of these 4 cleared up a number of outstanding crimes.

5. On 14 Oct. a large scale operation was carried on by the CC.RR. of Ottaviano and 16 people were arrested or denounced for illegal possession of arms and/or Allied property.

Questura, CC.RR. and Allied Police agencies continue to co-operate well in the detection and suppression of crimes.

3. <u>Possession of Firearms</u>.

It is obvious that the number of firearms in possession of the public is very large. Applications for permits are submitted to the Questore but only a very few are granted. It is an amusing point the large number of shop-keepers who apply for permission to have a firearm. If all were granted we should have a "nation of <u>armed</u> shop-keepers"!

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Reference letter SD/601.01 dated 20 Oct. from A.C. (Public Safety Sub-Commission), see separate list attached.

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4. Conduct of Military Personnel.

The conduct of Allied troops, generally speaking, remains more or less satisfactory, but there are still a lamentably large number of cases of assault and robbery committed by Allied troops against civilians. The district giving the most trouble is that of Secondigliano where there are a large number of U.S. black troops stationed. Reports of armed robberies, etc. committed by these men are most frequent and a special request has been sent from this Office to the Provost Marshal, P.B.S., as a result of which a detachment of M.Ps is to be sent there.

Another class of offence in respect of which several reports have been received recently is that of Allied soldiers carrying contraband grain and other commodities in W.D. transport. The tracing of these people is naturally very difficult because the Allied soldiers concerned refuse to disclose their identities to the CC.RR. etc. who stop them and all the CC.RR. can do is to take the number of the vehicle.

Outstanding cases of robbery, assault, etc. reported as committed by Allied troops are as follows :-

1. On 15 Sept. at Naples, Italian civilian injured by 4 Scotch soldiers.
2. On 18 Sept. in Naples, caretaker assaulted by drunken Allied soldier.
3. On 20 Sept. at Secondigliano, 2 coloured U.S. soldiers entered house and stole 15.500 lire at pistol point.
4. On 25 Sept. at Aiello, U.S. soldiers entered house and demanded wine, and on being refused, attacked and injured woman.
5. On 26 Sept. at Naples, Italian civilian wounded with knife by Allied soldier.
6. On 27 Sept. at Naples, civilian robbed of 3.000 lire by coloured soldiers.
7. On 29 Sept. at Secondigliano, 4 coloured U.S. soldiers entered house and stole 7.000 at pistol point.
8. On 29 Sept. at Naples, 2 drunken British soldiers, being refused drink in a bar broke mirrors etc.
9. On 29 Sept. in Naples, 2 Agents of the Questura attacked by colored soldiers.
10. On 30 Sept. at Caserta, civilian shot and wounded by U.S. guard whilst taking away table from hospital.

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11. On 1 Oct. at Naples, Agent of Questura assaulted by drunken British soldier.

12. On 3 Oct. at Fuorigrotta, Naples, Italian civilian shot and wounded by coloured soldier in vehicle.

13. On 5 Oct. at Pianura, Naples, civilian robbed by 2 coloured soldiers.

14. On 5 Oct. at Sorrento, 2 U.S. soldiers assaulted and robbed civilian of 10.000 lire.

15. On 5 Oct. at Secondigliano, 2 U.S. coloured soldiers robbed 7 civilians at pistol point of 10.000 lire.

16. On 5 Oct. at Secondigliano, U.S. coloured soldier intent on stealing meat, shot and wounded Italian civilian.

17. On 5 Oct. at Vico Equense, 2 U.S. soldiers help up and robbed Italian civilian at point of knife.

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19. On 6 Oct. at Naples, night watchman assaulted and fired at by U.S. sailor.

20. On 7 Oct. at Vigliena, British guard shot and killed one of gang of 14 intent on raid on British dumps.

21. On 10 Oct. at Eboli - complaint of CC.RR. regarding conduct of 6.500 Yugo-Slavs encamped there.

22. On 11 Oct. in Naples, fight between 4 U.S. soldiers and civilians on account of soldiers alleged refusal to pay for public conveyance.

23. On 16 Oct. at Frattamaggiore, U.S. colored soldier at pistol point robbed civilian.

24. On 16 Oct. at Torre Annunziata, English sentry shot and killed civilian stealing from Salvage Depot.

25. On 17 Oct. at Frattamaggiore, coloured U.S. soldiers shot and killed Italian peasant.

26. On 18 Oct. at Montesarchio, drunken Allied soldiers attacked Italian soldier and fired revolver, wounding passer-by on foot.

27. On 19 Oct. Italian civilian robbed and shot in chest by two U.S. coloured soldiers.

28. On 20 Oct. Questura Agent attacked and injured by Allied soldiers in bar.

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29. On 21 Oct. at Acerra, Italian civilian robbed at pistol point by 3 U.S. coloured soldiers.

30. On 21 Oct. at Angri, 7 coloured Allied troops forced entry into house and attempted to take away two young women. Assistance arrived, shots were fired on both sides and the soldiers left.

31. On 22 Oct. at Capodichino, shots discharged by two colored U.S. soldiers - taken into custody by CC.RR. and handed to M.Ps.

32. On 22 Oct. at Naples, civilian robbed at pistol point of 10.000 lire by 2 coloured soldiers.

33. The most serious incident relating to conduct of Allied troops took place on the 26 Oct. at 1800 hours, when a series of event were initiated involving U.S. coloured troops of what is believed to be the 3506 Co. 248 Q.M. Bn. Italian P.S. Agents patrolling a part of the city attempted to arrest prostitutes who were behaving in a indecent manner soliciting coloured troops. Several coloured soldiers interfered and an American M.P. told them to go away and leave the P.S. Agents to do their work. Shooting then started between coloured troops on the one side and M.Ps and P.S. Agents on the other. Re-inforcements arrived for both sides, other coloured troops arriving from their billets armed. It is against all orders that these U.S. coloured troops have arms and an enquiry is being conducted. In the fight that ensued casualties were :-

1 coloured soldier dead
2 " soldiers wounded
1 M.P. wounded
2 P.S. Agents wounded.

No arrests were made. Investigation being conducted by C.I.D.

The same day, later in the evening P.S. Agents patrolling the same area were attacked by coloured troops.

Again, the same evening, a little later, a U.S. M.P. on an investigation was attacked by coloured troops.

The same night, in the early hours of the morning, 5 coloured soldiers forced their way into the Poggioreale Prison, disarmed the guards, took the keys and went to the women's block, with the apparent intention of freeing female prisoners. The M.Ps were called and all five were arrested.

Further disturbances were anticipated and strong patrols of

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M.Ps and P.S. Agents were instituted.

The American C.I.D. is following up the investigation.

5. Venereal Disease.

The war against V.D. continues to be waged in a strenuous manner, all police authorities playing their parts. Figures for the past month show :-

1. Brothels	37
2. Licensed prostitutes of such	180
3. Clandestine brothels closed	22
4. Prostitutes arrested and denounced	270
5. Women examined and found infected	713
6. " detained in hospital	319

6. Relations with Military Police and Security Services.

Excellent.

7. Functioning of Courts.

(a) Italian Courts. Satisfactory.

(b) A.M.G. Courts. Satisfactory.

8. Other points affecting Civil Police.

The usual complaints are still voiced by police agencies - shortage of personnel, arms, transport, petrol, etc. In many cases the reports are quite justified and any assistance that could be given in this direction would be greatly appreciated. Still, good work continues to be done in spite of the deficiencies.

PART (II) SECURITY

9. Sabotage.

No cases reported.

10. Strikes and Lock-outs.

Strikes have been plentiful during the past month, but there have been no disorders. The most important was the strike of 11.000 employees of the Commune of Naples who struck on the 18 Oct. demanding a 5000 lire advance on a proposed increase in pay of 2000 lire per month. On the 23rd, on an advance of 4000 lire an a promised increase, work was resumed. 1942

The ex P.O.Ws have also been causing unrest generally - small

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Strikes, demonstrations, demands for this and that, etc. Amongst their complaints have been such as requests for the dismissal of female employees from SEPRAL, ENAC, etc. and their substitution with ex P.O.W. labour, requests of ILVA to be employed forthwith, protests against low wages, etc.

Other cases of note during the month under review are :-

1. On the 29.9.45 the workers of the BIZZARRO Pasta factory went on strike asking an increase in the foodstuffs they are getting now. Requests were satisfied and agitation ceased.

2. On the 3.10.45 the film operators were in agitation not having received the promised increase in wages.

3. On the 3.10.45 the workers of the CASO pasta factory went on strike asking an increase in the pasta assigned to them. Their requests were acceeded to and on the 4th they started to work again.

4. On the 6 Oct.45 workers of the BIZZARRO pasta factory went on strike asking the dismissal of the Guardian DE CARO Salvatore; he was dismissed and on the 9th work recommenced.

5. On the 11.10.45 the workers of the Petroleum Factories in number of about 1500, went on strike asking increase in wages. On the 20th , having received an advance, they started to work again.

6. On the 13.10.45 the workers of the match factory went on strike for an hour protesting against the dismissal of a workman.

7. On the 16.10.45 the employees of all the Italian Insurance Societies went on strike asking increase of wages and a monthly winter indemnity. On the 29.10.45 they started to work again upon order received from the Rome Central Office and on being promised that their requests would be taken into special consideration.

8. On the 17.10.45 workers of the GALLO mill and pasta factory of Torre Annunziata went on strike protesting against the dismissal of some workers. On the 20th the dismissed workers having been re-employed, work started again.

9. On the 29.10.45 the shopkeepers of the vegetables and fruit shops closed down in order to obtain 20% gain on the expenses and other economical improvements. On the 31st Oct. as their requests were met, the strike ended.

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Throughout all, however, public order has been maintained and there have been no incidents worthy of note.

11. Other Civil Disturbances.

Nothing to report. For the time being the German P.O.W. trouble seems to have died down and no further complaints have been heard.

12. State of Public Morale.

Morale is still at a low ebb and exasperation is felt on the continued putting off of the elections. Publication of the armistice terms would also be welcomed - a sort of "let us know the worst" attitude.

13. Public Meetings.

Some 65 meetings have been held, all without untoward incidents.

14. Appreciation of general security situation.

Satisfactory - nothing outstanding to report.

15. Civilian Internees.

(a) General Position.

No figures available.

(b) Number of Internees in Civil Prisons.

Nil.

PART (III) LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

16. Steps taken with regard to registration of motor vehicles.

Committee outlined in last month's report still functioning satisfactorily.

17. Problems in connection with registration etc.

Nil.

18. Control of Civilian Movement.

Movement to foreign countries dealt with by the Consulates concerned.

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PART (IV)

FIRE

19. General Report on:-

(a) Efficiency. Satisfactory.

Strength :- Officers 14
O/Rs 866

(b) State of Equipment. Tyres and tubes and certain hose still urgently required.

(c) Brief details of any serious fires.

On 14 Oct. about 1530 hours a fire broke out in a large salvage deposit in Naples City of Italian owner-ship. The fire burned intermittently for 2 days and an estimate of the damage is fixed at 10.000.000 lire. British, American and Italian fire-fighters were engaged and except for superficial damage, the fire was confined to the deposit.

The premises and property were those of E.N.C.O.M.A.R. (Ente Nazionale Commercianti Materiali Residuati) and the property had been conceded by the British Government to the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce. The property was all old and useless and consisted mainly of 130 tons of used military equipment (clothing, webbing, etc. etc.) and 100 tons of scrap rubber.

PART (V)

CIVIL DEFENCE

20. By whom controlled.

Remains under control of Comandante Vigili del Fuoco.

21. State of Efficiency.

Satisfactory.

PART (VI)

PRISONS

22. Return of figures of population as follows :-

PRISONS	CAPACITY	AT PRESENT DETAINED				TOTAL
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Judiciary Insane Asylum	200	3		167		170

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PART (VII) FORGED AMG CURRENCY

23. Number of cases brought to notice.

CC.RR. have identified the party guilty of the forged currency offence at Vibonati in April 1945, involving 400.000 lire and efforts are now being made to effect his arrest.

A close watch is maintained by all Police agencies for this class of offence.

PART (VIII) GENERAL

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2. Major A.C. SAUNDERS- No. 279320 (B) - Leave in U.K.
3. Capt. S. BEAN - No. 291634 (B) - C.A.P.O.

25. Synopsis of General Public Safety Situation.

Co-operation and mutual assistance is of the highest order in Naples between all Police agencies, Allied and Italian. To obtain even closer liaison a fortnightly conference is held at which is represented, the A.P.M. (Br), Provost Marshal (A), A.P.M. (R.A.F.), Port Police, F.S.S. and A.M.G. (P.S.). Much benefit is derived from this personal contact and exchange of ideas.

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REPORT OF DISCOVERIES AND CONFISCATION OF HIDDEN ARMS

Owing to the shortness of notice is has not been possible to obtain the full particulars required for inclusion in the monthly report. However the following table shows the operations and results therefrom as carried out by the CC.RR. of this Legion during the 3 months: August, September and October.

Nola and S.Giuseppe Vesuviano Areas	Pistols.....n.	8
	Shotguns.....n.	5
	Musket mod. 1891.....n.	1
	Italian hand grenades.....n.	2
" " " " " "	Pistols.....n.	11
	Shotguns.....n.	6
	Musket.....n.	1
	Bayonet.....n.	1
	Rifles mod. 38.....n.	4
	Musket cartridges.....n.	198
Nola Area	Rifles.....n.	2
	Shotguns.....n.	19
	"Beretta" automatic pistols.....n.	4
	Automatic pistols of various kinds..n.	2
	Rotation pistols of various kinds...n.	8
	Muzzle loading pistols, 2 barrels...n.	2
	Allied hand grenades.....n.	5
	Italian hand grenades.....n.	23
	Cartridges for sub muchine gun.....n.	115
Caserta area	Pistols.....n.	3
S. Antimo Area	Musket mod. 1891.....n.	1
	Hand grenades.....n.	40
	Detonator for mines.....Kg.	40
Afragola Area	"Beretta" pistol mod. 34.....n.	1
Casorik Area	"Beretta" pistols mod. 34.....n.	3
	Rotation pistol.....n.	1
Ottaviano Area	Musket mod. 38.....n.	1
	Shotguns.....n.	6
	Rotation pistols.....n.	4
	German hand grenade.....n.	1
	Cartridges for sub machine gun.....n.	113
	Complete loader for musket cartridges	1
	Shotgun cartridges.....n.	30
	"Smith" pistol cartridges.....n.	5

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Saviano Area	Shotguns.....n.	5
	Revolvers.....n.	2
	Muzzle loading pistols,2 barrels..n.	1
	Rotation pistol.....n.	1
	"Beretta" pistol mod. 34.....n.	1
	Pistol cartridges.....n.	5
	Shotgun cartridges, cal. 12.....n.	3
Somma Vesuviana Area	Shotgun.....n.	1
	Muzzle loading pistol, 2 barrels..n.	1
S.Gennaro Vesuviano Area	Rotation pistol.....n.	1
	"Beretta" pistol.....n.	1
	Musket mod. 38.....n.	1
	Shotguns.....n.	6
	"Smith" type pistol.....n.	1
	"Beretta" pistol cartridges.....n.	7
	4 cartridges loader for bullet rifle mod. 1891.....n.	4
	Allied hand grenades.....n.	3
	Shotgun cartridges.....n.	2
Piazzolla di Nola Area	Revolver cartridges.....n.	5
S.Giuseppe Vesuviano Area	Shotguns.....n.	10
	Rotation pistols.....n.	5
	"Beretta" pistol, mod. 34.....n.	1
	Hand grenades.....n.	7
	Pistol cartridges.....n.	20
	Shotgun cartridges.....n.	53
	Gunpowder.....kg.	9
Olevano sul Tusciano Area	German hand grenades.....n.	3
	Italian hand grenades.....n.	2
Acerno Area	Rotation pistol.....n.	1
Bonea Area	Cartridges for German machine gun.n.	1000
	Hand grenades of various kinds....n.	40
Pozzuoli Area	American pistol.....n.	1
	Daggars.....n.	3
	Bayonets.....n.	1
	Hand grenade.....n.	1

SUMMARY

Pistols.....n.	62
Rifles.....n.	64
Muskets.....n.	5
Bayonets.....n.	2

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Revolvers	n.	2
Hand grenades	n.	107
Cartridges	n.	1556
Detonator for mines	Kg.	40
Loaders	n.	5
Gunpowder	Kg.	9
Daggers	n.	3

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Date 1 October 1945

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TO : HQ ALCOM (Attn: Public Safety Sub-Commission).

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Date 1 October 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Activities - SEPTEMBER 1945 -

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(attention of the Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission).

Submitted hereunder is the report of activities for the month of SEPTEMBER 1945, in respect of Public Safety Division, Naples Commune, and set out in accordance with AC/14027/PS dated 17 Jan 45:-

CIVIL POLICE

PART (I)

1. Civil Police

(a) Strength -

	Officers	O/Rs	Remarks
Carabinieri Reali.....	56	1115	-
Agenti di P.S.....	128	3625	-
Guardie di Finanza....	23	1491	-
Guardie Municipali....	-	68	-
Corpo Forestale.....	7	21	-

(b) Re-inforcement sent from elsewhere.

Carabinieri Reali	139 cadets
Agenti di P.S.	93 agents

(c) Report on efficiency, condition of uniforms, state of transport and communications.

The Commune of Naples with approximately 1 million people has drawn the special attention of both Italian and Allied Authorities, during the month of September. The Carabinieri and Questura even with the serious lack of sufficient personnel, suitable transport and communications and other essential equipment, continued in preserving law and order and arresting criminals.

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2. Crime.

The official crime statistics for the month of September for the Commune of Naples is as follows :-

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	Number of crimes committed	Number of persons arrested
Homicide	4	3
Suicide	8	-
Robbery	20	19
Assault on Police	41	43
Assault indecent	8	6
Other Assaults	92	66
Theft or illegal dealing in Allied property	286	278
Theft or illegal dealing in rationed commodities	168	168
Overcharging	1063	1063
Miscellaneous	367	371
Breaking and entering	57	19
Fraud	75	55
Forgery and Currency	12	11
Other thefts	592	280
Prostitutes	538	538
Pimps and Touts	52	53
Unlicensed brothels	42	43
Theft of motor vehicles	4	6

The police units of the Questura and Carabinieri have investigated and arrested among other the individuals responsible for outstanding cases :-

(1) On Sept. 1st 1945, six civilians were arrested for illegal possession of a large quantity of American cigarettes and sugar.

(2) On Sept. 2nd, Public Safety Agents investigated and surrounded the home of a well known criminal, shots were fired on both sides, the result being that the criminal was mortally wounded.

(3) On Sept. 5th, the criminal who killed by stabbing a girl aged 10, was sentenced to life imprisonment and four years of solitary confinement. Throughout the trial there was a serious threat of lynching. However, all necessary precautions had been taken. The Newspapers of Naples all complimented the Civil Police for the efficient public order that existed throughout the trial. The two irresponsible officials and 1 agent of Public Security are still suspended. The investigation branch of the Questura is completing its enquiries. The public was somewhat appeased at the verdict given, remembering that the maximum penalty with exceptions is 30 years. Law and order were preserved throughout the period of the trial.

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3. Possession of Firearms.

Only essential permits are given by this Office for possession of firearms. Upon request of the President of the Federazione Italiana della Caccia, permission has been granted its members to possess shot guns in Naples Commune, for the purpose of storing, cleaning and transporting from residence to the hunting areas outside the Commune, but not for actual use within the Commune of Naples.

This Office has authorised and will recognize permits issued by the Questore for this purpose provided :

1. That shotgun is actually a shotgun and not a rifle for the discharge of bullets.
2. That the shotgun is dismantled while in the Commune and is not discharged therein.
3. That permits are issued only after investigation reveals applicant to be an honest, law abiding citizen.

The issuing of permits to possess all other firearms will continue to be the responsibility of this Office.

4. Conduct of Military Personnel.

Transit Troops.
Taking into consideration the large number of troops in transit in the Naples area, during the month of September the general state of discipline was very good.

Area Troops.
During the month of September the discipline of the area troops remained generally good. There have been about 50 cases of injury to civilians by Allied soldiers. Coloured soldiers continue to play a major part in criminal offences against civilians. The Questura and Carabinieri continue their enquiries of the criminal gangs lead by MANZI, CAROFALO and Ptes HOTTE, RIOUX and SAMMS of the Canadian Army, who escaped from Bari on September 1st 1945.

Ptes HOTTE and RIOUX have been involved in mahy armed robberies during 1944 and 1945. HOTTE and RIOUX have led at least three gangs mostly of civilians. Special patrols of Carabinier sent out arrested Ptes RIOUX, SAMMS and BOR at Termoli. BOR escaped with 1.000.000 Lires. HOTTE and BAR are still at large.
S.I.B. and other Allied police branches of Naples are carrying out enquiries and investigations.
During the month of September the Questura and Carabinieri have worked in conjunction with the Military Police and on the 7th September 19 civilians were arrested by the S.I.B. at Gricignano Railway Station whilst waiting to,loot railway waggons, all

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were charged with conspiracy to steal.

During the month of September the following incidents have involved Allied soldiers :-

1. On Sept. 1st, 1945, a civilian shot and wounded by Allied soldier was brought to Pellegrini Hospital.
2. On Sept. 3rd, a small child fatally killed when four American soldiers fired from a speeding jeep.
3. On Sept. 6th, three coloured American soldiers and two civilians using a jeep, committed an armed robbery.
4. On Sept. 4th, two Polish soldiers drunk, after insisting that they wanted prostitutes for a good time, stabbed 11 times a civilian, who had refused to accompany them.
5. On Sept. 4th, two civilians were received and treated for wounds at the Incurabili Hospital,when negro soldiers fired at them.
6. Sept. 4th, colored American soldier was taken into custody and then charged for transporting contraband grain.
7. On Sept. 5th, two unknown Allied soldiers robbed at pistol point an Italian civilian.
8. On Sept. 9th, civilian was fired at for refusing to accompany Allied soldiers to prostitutes.
9. On Sept. 15th, a civilian was shot and killed when fired at by a coloured soldier in a truck.
10. On Sept. 23rd, two English soldiers, after spending the night resting at a Carabinieri Caserma, took off with a Carabiniere motor cycle.

5. <u>Venereal Disease.</u>

Vice Squads have continued to attack the serious problem of V.D. throughout Naples. Prostitutes arrested are conveyed to the Pace Hospital in Naples. After the recent investigation of the Pace Hospital, conditions continue to function smoothly. A total of 550 women were examined and of those 226 were detained when found to be infected. Accommodation has increased at the Pace Hospital from 380 to 420 beds, and more than 45 women daily can now be accepted for examination. Penicillin has been recommended for use at the Pace Hospital, for venereal disease whenever available, or at least Sulphonamide, for resistant cases.

More than 85% of V.D. contracted has been found to be due to contacts of prostitutes of the Piazza Garibaldi and Via Roma area.

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The Questura and Carabinieri in close collaboration with the Military Police continue to combat the V.D. problem. Italian Vice Squads of the Questura are working excellently and are receiving co-operation from the Allied Police.

Civil Police returns of the month show :-

Arrested females	226
Denounced "	324
Arrested males	20
Denounced "	42
Disorderly houses	6

6. Relations with Military Police and Security Services.

Relations continue 100% cordial.

7. Functioning of Courts.

(a) Italian Courts.
Italian Courts continue to operate most satisfactorily. In fact most sentences have been more severe in Italian Courts than Allied Courts.

(b) Allied Courts.
A.M.G. Courts function under supervision of C.L.O. Naples.

8. Other points affecting Civil Police.

The two previous months found many transfers in police activities. Questura Agents and Functionaries, Carabinieri and Officers were transferred from Naples Commune to other troublesome parts of Italy. What brought forth a most serious problem was the fact that P.S. Agents and Carabinieri sent from Naples were never replaced. Thus a tremendous strain was suddenly faced by the Civil Police. Evem today both the Questura and Carabinieri would sincerely appreciate an augmentation of men and transport facilities. The Questura finds that the gasoline quantity allotted is not sufficient to carry out its various police activities. An increase in the quantity of gasoline for the Questura would benefit it tremendously.

PART (II) SECURITY

9. Sabotage.

No cases reported.

10. Strikes and lock-outs.

1. On the 9th Sept. workers of F.lli RICCIARDI of Torre Annunziata went on strike for higher wages.

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2. On the 21 Sept. the personnel of the local Provincial Direction of Post and Telegraphs left their Offices as a protest against the measure, by which the Central Administration, having ordered the payment of the "Liberation Prize" in monthly allowances, first already paid last month, then decided to keep 2000 lire of the prize money, which was given to the employees some time ago in advance.

3. The workers of the past factory of "Fratelli GARGIULO" of Torre Annunziata returned to work on Sept. 23rd.

11. Other Civil Disturbances.

The German P.W. Problem.

On the 16th Sept. at 1200 hours in Naples, Piazza Plebiscito, about 800 persons, many port workers and dismissed drivers, collected in front of the Prefettura building, in order to protest and ask the intervention of the Italian Authorities for having been dismissed by the Allies and substituted by the German PWs. In absence of the Prefect, in accord with the Capo Gabinetto, of the Prefettura and the representatives of the Confederal Chamber of Labour, plans were made to reach an agreement.

To solve the serious problem on the 17th Sept. a meeting took place in the Prefettura of Naples. Present were the Prefect, the Sindaco, Avv. Santoro (for the C.L.N.) Avv. Maglietta, and Engineer Colasanti, for the Chamber of Labour and many other representatives of the political parties.

In the afternoon of the 17th Sept. a Commission representing the dismissed labourers, led by the Prefect went to discuss this acute problem with Colonel PENNYCUICK. Colonel PENNYCUICK assured the Commission that he would inform Allied authorities. Late in the afternoon, more than 1000 workers marched through the main streets with posters on which was printed "We want bread and work - Out with the Germans".

The Prefect during the afternoon informed the Prime Minister's Cabinet and received assurance that during the same day the Italian Government would have informed Commodore STONE of the situation and of the request forwarded by the Neapolitan workers. The next few days were tense with all kind of rumours.

The Questore and Legion Commander were called at a late hour to discuss the now complicated labour situation. The conference members agreed that immediately plans and directives that assured the smooth working of the "OMEGA" plan would have to be carried out. The "OMEGA" plan is an official Italian public order directive to be used at emergencies.

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The Questura and Carabinieri made an urgent request for re-inforcements

Questura re-inforcements received		93
Carabinieri	"	" 139.

The Questore and Carabinieri Legion Commander, gave new dispositions, and every one realised that more men, arms and ammunition were absolutely necessary.

Questura received through M.M.I.A. 2000 muskets on a loan basis with 250.000 rounds of ammunition.

The President of the Council, Prof. PARRI, arrived on Sept. 21st at 0845 hours at Capodichino airfield. He went immediately to Salerno, from where he returned at 1555 hours, in order to be present at the meeting to be held at the Confederal Chamber of Labour, Via Costantinopoli No. 84. Present at this meeting were hundreds of PWs, port workers and other employees of the Allied Forces, who had been dismissed, post and telegraph employees, in all about 2500 people. President PARRI was received in a very hostile manner. When the people present, realised that no concrete decisions had been made hostile manifestations were renewed. Prof. PARRI, left the Chamber of Labour, at 1745 hrs to go to Capodichino Airfield. As soon as Prof. PARRI's vehicle had hardly travelled a short distance, some demonstrators ran after the car shouting in a threatening manner. The crowd succeeded in partly overturning the vehicle that followed Prof. PARRI's automobile.

The Questura Agents and Carabinieri soon disbanded the demonstrators. Seven agitators have been arrested by the "Special Nucloe" of the Questura, with more arrests sure to follow.

At the same time part of the P.Ws and un-employed workers started to break mirrors, window panes, tables and chairs were thrown into the street. The same demonstrators went to Piazza Dante but were dispersed by American M.Ps. Here also glass panes of five shops were broken.

On 21st Sept. at 1530 hours two unguarded German P.Ws awaiting for a street car at Porta Capuana Naples, were suddenly threatened by 50 unknown Italians. The two German P.Ws were rescued from the mob by Italian P.S. Agents of the Questura.

Then on the 25th Sept. the Allied H.Q. of the Medirranean Theater of Operations communicated that at the public meeting held at A.F.H.Q. Caserta, Commanders of the U.S. Army and representatives of A.M.G. and Neapolitan organizations had cleared and eliminated the misunderstanding concerning the employment of German P.W.s in Naples. 1836

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General MC NARNEY asked the Italian Authorities to be responsible for the keeping of order.

The Questura and Carabinieri Units are still doing their very best to bring about law and order.

The agitation against German PWs continued more so when the CC.RR. reported on Sept. 21st that they had arrested three Italians, who confessed that they had bribed a German PW by offering ten packages of cigarettes, for entrance in Camp 452, that would have enabled them to steal Allied and Italian tyres. The arrested will be tried.

12. State of Public Morale.

The Italian public looks for Allied assistance during this period of reconstruction and re-organization. No one can deny that this is a most critical period for the Italian public.

13. Public Meetings.

62 all without incidents or disorder.

14. Appreciation of general security situation.

Security situation satisfactory and normal.

15. Civilian Internees.

(a) General Position

No figures are available for month under review.

(b) Number of Internees in Civil Prisons.

Nil.

PART (III) LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

16. Steps taken with regard to registration of motor vehicles.

All applications for motor circulation permits because of the laxity of R.A.C.I., the Italian organization that once issued permits, are approved by a special committee, that is under the direct supervision of S.C.A.P.C. The Committee is made up of one member each of Questura, CC.RR. and Military Police.

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17. Problems in connection with registration etc.

Nil.

18. Control of Civilian Movement.

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No applications for permits to travel to foreign countries are being received at this Office.

The matter is now being dealt with by the Consulates concerned.

PART (IV) FIRE

19. General Report on:-

(a) Efficiency. Satisfactory.

Strength :- Officers 13
C/Rs 627

(b) State of Equipment. The withdrawal of Allied motor fire vehicles is a serious loss to the Naples Fire Department. Equipment deteriorates without suitable replacement. The Comandante of the Fire Department requests tyres and tubes most urgently.

(c) Brief details of any serious fires.

Nil.

PART (V) CIVIL DEFENCE

20. By whom controlled.

Remains under control of Comandante Vigili del Fuoco.

21. State of Efficiency.

Satisfactory. Out of 45 sirens only 1 was found to be faulty.

PART (VI) PRISONS

22. As a result of the de-requisition of the Poggioreale Jail once part held by the Allied Authorities, the prison conditions are satisfactory. Arrangements still are being made to accommodate Carabinieri in a building adjoining the Poggioreale Jail, for possible prompt assistance should any disorder occur.

Latest prisoner returns for prisons in Naples Commune show the following state :-

PRISONS	CAPACITY	AT PRESENT DETAINED				TOTAL
		Awaiting Trial		Sentenced		
		Men	Women	Men	Women	
Poggioreale Jud. Prison	2500	2547		1199		3746
" Women	500		267		167	431
Minor Prison S.Eframo	240	236		131		367
Filangieri Reformatory	150					85
Judiciary Insane Asylum	200	1		170		171

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PART (VII) FORGED AMG CURRENCY

23. Number of cases brought to notice.

Questura in close co-operation with CC.RR., S.I.B. and C.I.D. are responsible for the marked decrease in the circulation of counterfeit currency.

On Sept. 3rd 1945, the Questura made an important counterfeit arrest. Press and counterfeit bills were confiscated.

All police units are co-operating 100% in tracing passers of counterfeit notes.

PART (VIII) GENERAL

24. List of P.S. Personnel.

1. Major F.P. LUCKMAN - No. O-901608 (A) - S.C.A.P.C.
2. Major A.C.SAUNDERS - No. 279320 (B) - Fire, C.D. and Prisons Officer (On leave to UK).

25. Synopsis of General Public Safety Situation.

Considering the difficult conditions, the Italian Police Units of the Questura and CC.RR. together with the Allied Military Police, S.I.B., C.I.C. and C.I.D. are daily doing their utmost in maintaining law and order, detecting and arresting criminals.

All Police Units in Naples are co-operating 100% with one another.

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Date 28 August 1945

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TO HQ, AFHQ (Attn: Public Safety Sub-Commission).

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TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
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Submitted herewith is report of activities for the month of AUGUST 1945, in respect of Public Safety Division, Naples Commune, in accordance with AC/14027/PS dated 17 January 1945 :-

PART (I)

CIVIL POLICE

1. Civil Police

(a) Strength -

	Officers	O/Rs	Remarks
Carabinieri Reali.....	47	1200	-
Agenti di P.S.....	127	3629	-
Guardie di Finanza....	59	1531	-
" Municipali....	-	68	-
Corpo Forestale.....	9	59	-

(b) Police recovered from extraneous duties

Carabinieri 2
Agenti di P.S. Nil.

(c) Report on efficiency, condition of uniforms, state of transport and communications.

Efficiency and morale of all above Police Forces continue at high standard and their various duties culminating in the preservation of law and order and prevention of crime and detection of offenders, are receiving their undivided attention.

This situation could still however, be greatly improved by the supply of armoured vehicles or similar transport, such as was supplied in Rome and Milan.

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2. Crime

(a) The crime situation is compatible with a densely populated area such as this is, and the local environment breeds the

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class of criminal which keeps all Police services active in this area.

The position at Nola has been eased by the arrest of 8 persons believed to be part of the gang of "MANZI", who have been operating in this area. A special squad of CMP have also been posted to this 'blackspot' and the CC.RR. contingent has been augmented to deal with the position by joint patrols. General augmentation of all CC.RR. Stations in Naples Area will bring immediate improvement.

During Month under review crimes of violence show slight decrease. Cases under investigation in Naples are as under :-

1. On 1st August 1945, report of arrest of civilians by CID leaving Naples docks by boat whilst in wrongful possession of 880,000 cigarettes. American soldiers involved. Case under investigation by CIC and CID.
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14. Appreciation of general security situation.

Security situation normal and satisfactory.

15. Civilian Internees.

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No figuresare available for month under review.

(b) Number of internees in civil prisons.

Nil.

PART (III) LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

16. Steps taken with regard to registration of motor vehicles.

All applications for Circulation Permits are carefully vetted and essential services receive first consideration. Position normal.

17. Problems in connection with registration etc.

Nil.

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14 in need of repairs.

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(c) Brief details of serious fires.

Nil.

Building collapsed.
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PART (V)

CIVIL DEFENCE

20. By whom controlled

Remains under control of Comandante Vigili del Fuoco.

21. State of Efficiency.

Satisfactory. During last inspection out of 45 sirens 3 were found to be faulty. Repairs in hand.

PART (VI)

PRISONS

22. No change has taken place in the general position of Prisons in the Naples Commune.

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Judiciary Insane Asylum	200	1		75		76
Judiciary Reform. Nisida	350	-	-	-	Requisitioned.	

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PART (VII) 24. FORGED AMG CURRENCY

Number of cases brough to notice.

In accordance with instruction all cases are forwarded to Questore for investigation and disposal. Since the recent breaking up of the wholesale counterfeiting gang in this area, there has been a marked and definite decrease in the circulation of spurious notes. Enquiries still continue by SIB to trace persons involved, as mentioned in previous report.

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GENERAL

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25. Synopsis of General Public Safety Situation.

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10. Strikes and Lock-outs.

1. On 1st August 1945 workers of Pasta Factory, Alfonso Monsurrò di Torre Annunziata went on strike for increased pay. Following week all returned to work. No incident.

2. On same date at workshops at Ilva di Bagnoli, employees had one-day strike to protest against new Director. No incidents.

3. On 3rd August 1945, the clerks of the Amministrazione del Reale Albergo dei Poveri had 2 days strike respecting grant of bonus. All returned to work without incident.

4. On 3rd August 1945, Pace Hospital employees went on strike for increased pay. All returned to work the following day without incident.

5. On 7th August 1945, workers of Pasta Factory at Ricco di Torre Annunziata went on 2 days strike for increased wages. No incidents.

6. On 8th August 1945, workers of the Pinto e Balzano Pasta Factory went on strike for better wages. Returned to work on 10th August 1945, without incident. 1811

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9. On 9th August 1945, workers at Insorra di Torre Annunziata Pasta Factory went on 2 days strike for increase in Pasta Ration. Returned to work without incident.

10. On same day, workers at the Civil Hospital at Torre Annunziata went on strike for increase in pay. All returned to work without incident.

11. Same date, workers of the Navalmeccanica and La Precisa Factories staged a 2 hour strike as protest against new contract between Federation and Employees. No untoward incident.

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12. On 14th August 1945 workers at Fratelli Gargiulo di Torre Annunziata Pasta Factory went on 1 day strike for increased pasta ration. No incident.

13. On 15th August 1945, workers of Pietrarsa Factory went on 2 day strike for increase of pay. No incidents.

14. On 18th August 1945, workers of Ditta Cirio Factory went on strike for increase of wages. Returned to work on 19th August 1945, without incident.

15. Same date, workers at Malacario Pasta Factory staged 1 day strike for increase of pay. No incidents.

16. On 19th August 1945, employees of Paudice Vitelli Factory went on 3 day strike in sympathy with workers of Cirio Factory. No untoward incidents.

11. Other Civil disturbances.

None to report.

12. State of Public Morale.

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3. On 9th August 1945, about 40 individuals, purporting to be ex POWs presented themselves in groups to shopkeepers demanding money or goods. All were subsequently dispersed by CC.RR. without untoward incident.

4. On 16th August 1945, a party of 300 workmen of a Fuse Factory, marched to the British 23 HQS demanding de-requisition of these premises. Deputation received and assembly dispersed without incident.

5. Following a Meeting of Bakers League on 17th August 1945, unauthorised posters were displayed in the streets, protesting against high cost of living, and signed by the "Bakers League". No incidents.

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14. Appreciation of General security situation.

Security situation normal and satisfactory.

15. Civilian Internees.

(a) General Position

No figures are available for month under review.

(b) Number of internees in civil prisons.

Nil.

LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

PART (III)

16. Steps taken with regard to registration of motor vehicles.

All applications for Circulation Permits are carefully vetted and essential services receive first consideration. Position normal.

17. Problems in connection with registration etc.

Nil.

18. Control of Civilian Movement.

With the termination of all hostilities and liberation of European countries, many applications are being received for permits to travel to countries of respective origin.

This matter is now being dealt with on party basis, by Camp Commandants of Displaced Persons Centres.

FIRE

PART (IV)

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Vehicles condition :- 8 in service
2 under repairs
14 in need of repairs.

Tyres and tubes are urgently required and have not been furnished despite urgent appeals by Comandante to Italian Authorities.

(c) Brief details of serious fires.

Nil.

Building collapsed.
Reports of bomb damaged buildings continue to be received. During the month amongst others the Cinema DIANA collapsed fortunately without loss of life or injury to any person.

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PART (V) CIVIL DEFENCE

20. By whom controlled

Remains under control of Comandante Vigili del Fuoco.

21. State of Efficiency.

Satisfactory. During last inspection out of 45 sirens 3 were found to be faulty. Repairs in hand.

PART (VI) PRISONS

22. No change has taken place in the general position of Prisons in the Naples Commune.

As result of renewed applications by this Department to Military Authorities for de-requisitioning of Portici Agents School, Nisida and Poggioreale (part) Prisons and restoration to Ministry of Grace and Justice. H.Q. 3 District have forwarded a reply to the effect that Portici Agents School and that part of Poggioreale Prison at present occupied by Allied Military will be shortly returned to the Ministry.

It is stated there is no possibility of Nisida Prison being de-requisitioned by the Allied Military authorities. A special report has been submitted to H.Q. A.C. asking for intervention to be made on a higher level in view of the acute situation prevailing.

Arrangements are in hand for accommodating CC.RR. in building adjoining Poggioreale Prison as a added means of prompt assistance should any disorders etc occur therein.

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Poggioreale Women	500		191		146	337
Minor Prison S. Efremo	240	241		176		417
Judiciary Insane Asylum	200	1		75		76
Judiciary Reform. Nisida	350	-	-	-	Requisitioned.	

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PART (VII) 24. Number of cases brough to notice.

In accordance with instruction all cases are forwarded to Questore for investigation and disposal. Since the recent breaking up of the wholesale counterfeiting gang in this area, there has been a marked and definite decrease in the circulation of spurious notes. Enquiries still continue by SIB to trace persons involved, as mentioned in previous report.

The situation will be very closely watched by all Police concerned.

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PART (VIII)

24. List of P.S. Personnel.

1. Major F.P. LUCKMAN - No. 0-901608 (A) - S.C.A.P.C.
2. Major A.C. SAUNDERS -No. 279320 (B) - Fire, C.D. and Prisons Officer.

Capt. R.N. HOBBS transferred to Venezia Giulia on 29-8-45 reed A.C. Headquarters Special Order dated 29th July 1945.

25. Synopsis of General Public Safety Situation.

Satisfactory.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
APO 394
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

WAR 147

Ref: PS/ 6.7 14011/19 Date 1 August 1945

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - JULY 1945 -

TO : HQ ALCOM (attention of Public Safety Sub-Commission).

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Activities - JULY 1945 -

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(attention of the Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission).

Submitted hereunder is the report of activities for the MONTH OF JULY 1945 in respect of Public Safety Division, Naples Commune, and set out in accordance with AC/14027/PS dated 17 Jan 45 :-

PART (I) CIVIL POLICE

1. Civil Police

(a) Strength-

	Officers	O/Rs	Remarks
Carabinieri Reali....	47	1201	-
Agenti di P.S.....	17	3745	-
Guardie di Finanza...	60	1530	-
Guardie Municipali...		68	-
Corpo Forestale.....	9	58	-

N.B. The CC.RR. figures relate to authorised establishment but the effective strength due to sickness etc is :- 35 Officers and 601 O/Rs.

(b) Police recovered from extraneous duties.

Carabinieri Reali - 4
Agenti di P.S. - Nil.

(c) Report on efficiency, condition of uniforms, state of transport and communications.

Efficiency and morale remain as hitherto of high standard, the numbers shown in establishment do not include a total of 390 CC.RR. of the Mobile Battalion and Frontier Police awaiting orders in Naples.

Certain feeling is expressed by CC.RR. Command, Naples of lack of armoured vehicles being furnished to this Command as such has been done to Rome - Milan Commands. This Department associates itself with these sentiments and considers it advisable that favourable consideration be

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given to the possibility of alloting such vehicles for use by Naples Command.

2. Crime

(a) Crime conditions continue to keep the Public Safety Services active.

The situation particularly in the Nola area is causing concern among the Military and CC.RR. So-called partisans are reported openly carrying arms, Allied soldiers have been robbed, beaten, and in one recent instance, murdered during a robbery.

Arrangements are being made to augment the CC.RR. detachment at Nola from time to time, and joint patrols of CC.RR. and British Military Police are being set up to cope with the situation.

All CC.RR. stations in the south are dangerously undermanned and the strength of Naples Legion should be increased as soon as possible.

On 16 July, the responsibility of guarding Public Utilities passed from the Italian Military Guard under the Provost Marshal P.B.S., to the Questore, causing another drain on the already heavy demands being met by P.S.

During the month under review crimes of violence shew an increase particularly in relation to robbery with violence. Specimen cases undergoing investigations within Naples Commune are given under :-

On 4th July 1945 woman assaulted and murdered. Not established if Allied troops or civilians responsible.

On 8th July, 2 arrests made of persons trafficking illegally in medicines value 700.000 lire.

On 17th July, corpse of British Military personnel (Rank unknown, identity unestablished) found in a Grotto on seashore. Cause of death unknown.

On 19th July, during fight between Italian Military Guards and armed criminals, one Italian soldier shot and killed, one Italian soldier seriously wounded.

On 21st July, during fight between Allied M.P., Italian Police patrols and armed criminals 2 of the criminals shot and seriously wounded.

The crime conditions prevailing in the environs of Naples particularly Nola area (referred to above) gives cause for serious thought.

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Armed bands have made their appearance again on main roads at night time holding-up vehicles in transit robbing occupants and stealing the vehicles.

Combined units of S.I.B. C.M.P. and M.P. (A) with Questura and CC.RR. are continuing to give special attention to these activities.

3. Possession of Firearms

Screening of issuance of Firearm permits in Commune of Naples continues by this Office. Minimum number of permits only being issued to absolutely essential services.

4. Conduct of Military Personnel

The conduct of Military personnel during the month leaves much room for improvement.

Many criminal armed bands dressed in Allied Military uniform wearing M.P. armbands and hats are operating within the area of Naples, committing robberies, assaults and intimidating military and civilians.

Cases taken at random alleged due to Allied Military personnel are quoted.

On 2nd July, 3 persons wearing M.P. uniforms in possession of "Jeep" held up and robbed occupants of vehicle and afterwards stripped vehicle of all accessories and tyres.

On 4th July, Italian soldier was alleged to have been killed during quarrel by unidentified negro soldiers.

On 14th July, 3 Italian civilians attacked 2 British ORs and 2 A.T.S. One civilian armed with pistol. British ORs shewed resistance and civilians made off throwing hand grenades as they did so. No person injured.

Numerous other cases of similar nature continue to be reported and A. Provost Marshal 3 District has called attention to the prevailing state of crime in his report.

British and American M.Ps, S.I.B. and C.I.C. are active and alert to suppress rigorously this class of crime believed to be perpetrated by deserters. 1804

5. Venereal Disease

V.D. question continues to engage the close attention of both Military and civil police, special anti-vice squads of the Questura are working in conjunction with British and American

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M.Ps with good result.

Civil Police returns for the month are :-

Arrests females	190
Denounced	341
Arrests male	17
Denounced	29
Desorderly Houses	16.

6. Relations with :-

(a) Military Police
(b) Security Services

are excellent in every respect daily contact is maintained and close liaison has produced good results.

7. Functioning of Courts

(a) Italian

Continue to operate satisfactorily.

(b) Allied

A.M.G. Superior and Summary Courts continue to sit under jurisdiction of C.L.O. Naples.

8. Other points affecting Civil Police.

The constant decrease of Allied Military Police Units in this area is placing a heavier and more responsible duty upon the civil police whilst it cannot be said that proportionately criminal activities have lessened.

PART (II) SECURITY

9. Sabotage

No cases reported.

Information was received from F.S.S. that the ANSA radio transmission service (News Agency) was receiving and sending W/T messages from and to Rome.

Enquiry established that the service was approved by P.W.B. and received news items only from Rome.

2 German soldiers, in civilian dress, have been detained during the month in the area and handed to Military for detention as P.O.Ws. 1301

No evidence of subversive activities.

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10. Number of strikes and lock-outs.

On 1st July workers of S.A. Fiammiferi e Affini went on strike for payment of indemnity. No untoward incident. Resumed work on 2nd July.

On 11th July workers of C.C.R.E.N. went on strike for payment of indemnity. No untoward incidents. Resumed work on 13th July.

On 12th July workers of Ospedale Psichiatrico Provinciale went on strike for payment of indemnity. No untoward incidents. Resumed work on 14th July .

On 12th July workers of pasta factory Savino & Figli went on strike for increase in wages. Slight disturbance caused by workers. No untoward incidents. Resumed on 15th July.

On 19th July employees of Tramways on routes 52-55 went on strike on protest against longer working hours. No untoward incidents. Resumed on 20th July.

On 20th employees of Intendenza di Finanza went on strike for increase in wages. No untoward incidents. Resumed on 21st July.

On 21st employees of Cirio factory went on strike for increase in wages. No untoward incident. Resumed work on 22nd July.

On 24th July employees of Grande pasta factory went on strike for increase in wages. No untoward incidents. Resumed work on 25th July.

11. Other civil disturbances.

None to report.

12. State of Public morale.

The advent of the new Parri Government is watched with close interest tempered with the opinion that the reconstruction of Italy demands she is given the status of an Ally. Though price levels are slightly lower the economic situation is still acute and it is considered essential that substantial Allied assistance is necessary to sustain health and welfare for the coming winter.

The recent change of British Government has been followed closely with mixed feelings as to the current foreign policy to be adopted by a Labour Government. 1906

13. Public Meetings

During the period under review 130 public political meetings have been held.

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On 21st July during public meeting at Via Mancini disturbance was caused by two Italian soldiers who were placed under arrest. No person injured.

President Parri arrived on 8th July by plane at the Pomigliano airport received by the Undersecretaries Morelli, Reali, Sansone and other authorities. After visiting the Alfa Romeo factory he proceeded for Naples where he visited the damaged industrial area. At 10,30 at the Chamber of Commerce building he presided over a meeting held by the local authorities and members of financial, industrial and commercial circles of the Province, who stated the most urgent reconstruction problems. At 12.30 he visited the offices of the Partito d'Azione where from the balcony he spoke a few words of salutation to the public in the square. In the afternoon he visited the Ilva Bagnoli workshops and the Navalmeccanica factory noticing the necessities of the workmen who applauded him. After brief visit at the Azione paper office he went to Pomigliano where at 18,55 he departed for Rome.

Information has been received that there has been formed in Naples a 'Delegation of Monarchist Movement' in liberated Italy, Naples shews little interest.

During the month 5 persons responsible for printing and circulating Fascist propaganda during month of January 1945 were arrested among whom is Prof. Giuseppe Calogero.

14. Appreciation of general security situation.

Security situation is satisfactory.

15. Civilian Internees.

(a) General position

No figures have been submitted by 'A' civilian Internee Camp Padula (outside Naples Commune). Latest figures for month of June shew 1712 remain interned including 127 females.

Conditions are reported to be satisfactory.

(b) Number of internees in civil prisons

Nil.

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PART (III)

LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

16. Steps taken with regard to registration of motor vehicles.

Vetting of applications for vehicle circulation permits in the

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Commune of Naples continues, as previously reported.

On 19th July, 2 employees of ENAC were arrested by civil Police for forging and uttering false transportation certificates applicable to U.T.C. vehicles.

17. Problems in connection with registration etc.

Nil.

18. Control of Civilian Movement.

Owing to liberation of Central Europe and facilities for travel to these and other ports being made available, this Department is called upon to deal with applicants wishing to return to their country of origin.

The proximity of Displaced Persons Repatriation Camps situated in the area is the cause of large numbers of applications which it is considered should receive primary 'screening' by the Camp Commandants who are apparently content at the present time to allow such applicants to attend this Department individually.

PART (IV) FIRE

19. General report on :-

(a) Efficiency. Satisfactory.

Strength :- Officers 16
N.C.Os 98
Vigili 1090

(b) State of equipment. Equipment deteriorating. No replacemants available. Clothing and footwear poor. In respect of above it is asked that consideration be given to Minister of Interior being approached to transfer from northern areas, surplus accessories and equipment of which it is believed there is an abundance untouched by war.

Vehicles condition :- 8 in service
2 under repairs
14 in need of repairs.

Urgent need of tyres immobilises other vehicles and separate representation has been and is continuing to be made for such.'

(c) Brief details of serious fires.

Nil.

Building collapsed.

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Reports of bomb damaged buildings collapsing with consequent fatalities continue to be received. In one instance British O/R sustains injuries from which he died.

The proposed decrease in personnel to 750 officers and men is dealt with in separate report forwarded.

PART (V)

CIVIL DEFENCE

20. By whom controlled

Remains under control of Comandante of Vigili del Fuoco.

21. State of efficiency.

Satisfactory. During last inspection out of 45 sirens 2 were found to be faulty. Repairs in hand.

PART (VI)

PRISONS

22. No change has taken place in the general position of Prisons in Naples Commune. The S. Eframo Judiciary Asylum has been vacated by 56 Area Field Punishment Camp and restored to Ministry of Grace and Justice.

Renewed application was made by this Department to 20 Town Major, Naples for the de-requisitioning and restoration to the Ministry of the Training Establishment for Prison Officials at Portici at present requisitioned as 33 Military Prison but unoccupied. HQ 56 Area responded that such premises are needed to accommodate 400 Poles so that at the present time de-requisitioning cannot be made.

The accommodation at Nisida Jail occupied by Prison Officials has now been requisitioned by 20 Town Major to complete total occupancy of the prison as a Military Prison. Alternative accommodation for the Prison official was provided by 20 Town Major.

On 3rd July 1945, 2 prisoners performing outside labour for 557 B.O.D. escaped from the guards at the Base Depot. This occurrence was repeated on 19th July 1945 when one further prisoner escaped under similar circumstances. Pending consultation with O/C, Base Depot to make mutual arrangements to prevent a repetition Col. Bonomi, Prison Director suspended the furnishing of Prison Labour to the Depot.

On 2nd July 1945 two of the Guards in charge of Prisoners at 557 B.O.D. were found in possession of W.D. property. They were detained and the facts reported to Col. Bonomi. 1791

The vacation of S. Eframo Judiciary Asylum by patients required to

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serve as accommodation for additional prisoners (political) has not yet been effected although it is expected to be completed shortly. Complaint has been made by Prison Director of insufficient food being provided for the prisoners by SEPRAL and request made for additional supplies of dried vegetables from Allied sources. The Director has been advised to inform the Ministry of Grace and Justice in order that representation may be made to SEPRAL to supplement the ration provided if possible.

The transfer of political prisoners from Rome to Naples is causing grave concern to the Directorate. On 24th July, 200 prisoners arrived at the Poggioreale Prison transferred from Rome. The convoy of trunks conveying the prisoners arrived at 2200 hours. No notice of their arrival had been given and accommodation at Poggioreale Prison is already overtaxed. The prisoners arrived in a state of exhaustion from the journey, without personal effects, or personal equipment, having been transferred (it is stated) at a moments notice. The supplementary food parcels which relatives are permitted to provide prisoners with had also been left behind and the prisoners in consequence of the difficulties imposed upon them arrived in a rebellious frame of mind. The inmates of the already overcrowded prison are susceptible to immediate re-action and it was feared that general disorder might ensue. It has not been possible to supplement the guard at the Prison by CC.RR. or Questura but both services were requested to hold themselves in readiness to respond to any urgent request from the Prison for assistance.

On 29th July 190 political prisoners were transferred to Procida prison.

A separate report has been forwarded in reference to the above occurrence.

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Judiciary Insane Asylum	200	8		56		64
Judiciary Reformatory Nisida	350	-		-	Requisitioned.	1796

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PART (VII) FORCED A.M.G. CURRENCY

23. Number of cases brought to notice.

In accordance with instructions all cases are forwarded to the Questore for investigation and disposal. Since the recent arrest and breaking up of counterfeiting gang in this area by S.I.B. and Questura agents the number of forged notes in circulation appear to have decreased considerably. Certain members of the gang are still at liberty however and being sought for. S.I.B. personnel recently traced some members to a house. The civilians opened fire which was returned by S.I.B. shortly afterwards other civilians opened fire at the back of the S.I.B. personnel who were forced to withdraw under the cross-fire. No casualties to British personnel.

PART (VIII) GENERAL

24. List of P.S. Personnel.

1. Major F.P. LUCKMAN - No. O-901608 (A) - S.C.A.P.C.
2. Capt. R.N. HOBBS - No. 279413 (B) - C.A.P.C. - Fire and C.D. Officer - Prisons Officer.

25. Synopsis of General Public Safety situation.

Satisfactory.

F. P. LUCKMAN
Major, A.C.,
S.C.A.P.C.
Naples Commune.

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Tel : 478800

AC/14011/19/PS

27 July 45

SUBJECT : Control of Movement.

TO : HQ. AMG. Naples Commune
(Attn: SCAPO).

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1. Reference is made to your PS/9.21, dated 23 July; 1945.

2. Forwarded herewith as requested is a copy of letter AC/14425/PS, dated 30 June, 1945, together with an amending letter, AC/14425/PS, dated 14 July, 1945.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

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Ref: PS/9.21

Date 23 July 1945

SUBJECT: Civilian Movement - Control of.

TO : HQ ALCOM (Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Attn: Major W.C. Ballance).

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1. Reference your AC/14011/PS dated 16th July 1945 and para 3 thereof.

2. Directives mentioned thereunder have been received by this Department with the exception of AC/14425/PS Travel to Austria dated 30th June 1945.

3. It will be appreciated if a copy of this Directive can be furnished and also that any additional instructions in the future be forwarded direct to this Department to prevent delay or possible mislaying.

For the Commissioner:

F. P. LUCKMAN
Major, A.C.,
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Tel : 478800

AC/14011/19/PS 16 July 1945

SUBJECT : Circulation of Motor Vehicles - Naples.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission
(Attn: Capt. Cowling).

1. The following is an extract from the AMG Naples Commune Monthly Report for June, 1945:-

"LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

16. Steps taken with regard to registration of motor vehicles.

As reported in May report Provost Marshall American M.P. in conjunction with officials of CC.RR. and uestura have been engaged in 'screening' all motor vehicle circulation permits issued in Naples Commune. As a result of these activities, a total of 1640 permits out of the 4000 issued by Italian Authorities have been refused renewal effective from 1st July 45. Reasons: Non-essential in accordance with specification for circulation.

Review and screening board composed of above representatives sits in this Office each Monday to receive applications forwarded through A.A.C.I."

Major Wm C. Ballance

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

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Tel : 478800

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16 July 1945

SUBJECT : Travel to and from Italy.

TO : HQ. AMG Naples Comeune.

1. Reference is made to paragraph 18 of your Monthly Report for the month of June, 1945.

2. The provisions of Executive Memorandum No 61/45 continue to apply with regard to travel from Italy to places abroad.

3. The following additional letters relating to travel have been issued by this Headquarters:

AC/14080/21/PS, Travel from Switzerland to Italy, dated 14 June, 1945
AC/14022/2/PS, Entry of Civilians into Italy, dated 20 June, 1945.
AC/14125/PS, Travel to Austria, dated 30 June, 1945.

4. HQ. AMG. Naples is on the distribution list of the memorandum nd letters referred to above. Will you please say whether you have received copies.

Major Wm C Wallace

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Ref: PS/6.7

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Date 1 July 1945

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TO : HQ ALCOM (attention of Public Safety Sub-Commission)

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HEADQUARTERS
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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/ 6.7 Date 1 July 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Activities - JUNE 1945 -

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(attention of the Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission).

Submitted hereunder is the report of activities for the MONTH OF JUNE 1945 in respect of Public Safety Division, Naples Commune, and set out in accordance with AC/14027/PS dated 17 Jan 45 :-

PART (I) CIVIL POLICE

1. Civil Police

(a) Strength-

	Officers	O/Rs	Remarks
Carabinieri Reali.....	48	1316	-
Agenti di P.S.....	17	3745	-
Guardie di Finanza....	60	1530	-
Guardie Municipali....		68	-
Corpo Forestale.....	9	58	-

N.B. The CC.RR. figures relate to authorised establishment but the effective strength due to sickness etc is :- 35 Officers and 829 O/Rs.

(b) Police recovered from extraneous duties.

Carabinieri Reali - 10
Agenti di P.S. - 6

(c) Report on efficiency, condition of uniforms, state of transport and communications.

Efficiency and morale remain as hitherto of high standard. Armoured vehicles and crews to re-inforce CC.RR. in Northern areas departed from this Command.

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2. Crime.

(a) Crime situation retains its normal character. During the month under review various activities of criminals found in

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the act of stealing or attempting to steal from Military stores has resulted in the death of the criminals by the Military Guards shooting.

7 members of the MANZI criminal band responsible for murder, large scale robbery etc operating in the Nola area have been arrested by CC.RR. in collaboration with Allied Military Police.

Arrest has also been effected of 5 persons responsible for robbery of 54,000 lire (Military pay) from Major Sulton Khan - Indian Infantry.

Carabinieri on duty at the docks found in possession of Allied material have been placed under arrest.

Disturbing reports of incidents between Allied soldiers and Italian soldiers, Allied Soldiers and civilians continue to be reported. Brief particulars of the more serious are enumerated :-

1. On 10/6/45 in the Cinema Margherita an Italian sailor was assaulted by two American officers, alleged to be drunk, suffering the loss of an eye.

2. On 14/6/45 at Via Roma a disturbance occurred between approximately 20 U.S. troops and Italian marine. Occurrence being aggravated by civilians pouring refuse on the heads of the participants from overlooking flats. No report of serious injury.

3. On 15/6/45 at Via Costantinopoli, Naples some civilians insulted a girl walking with British Officer. Subsequently a fight commenced between civilians, British and other Allied soldiers who were abused by Italian soldiers detained in a hospital nearby. A shot was fired followed by others and hand grenades thrown. Approximately 100 M.Ps restored order. 1 Italian Guard killed. 1 Allied M.P. seriously wounded.

4. On 14th, 10 coloured troops of U.S. Army attended Hospital of Moriello, Naples in which prostitutes are detained undergoing treatment for V.D. and made efforts inciting them to escape. American M.Ps intervened and restored order.

5. On 20th, in Naples it is alleged civilian was killed by 2 coloured Allied soldiers. Investigation being conducted by American M.P.

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6. On 23rd, body of British soldier who had been shot was found adjoining the main Naples-Puglia road. Investigation

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in hand by S.I.B.

Other incidents of similar nature in the environs of Naples continue such as :-

1. Torre Annunziata - ON 15th 3 Royal Marines and 1 Commando stabbed and injured by civilians.
2. Cervinara - On 19th 1 British N.C.O. shot and killed. 1 seriouly wounded by civilians when on R.P. duty.

Activities of S.I.B. working with CC.RR. and Questura attachments have performed exceptionally good service during the month.

Rail thieves operating between Torre Annunziata and Rome, via Naples have been successfully rounded up.

3. Possession of Firearms.

Continued 'screening' by this Office of applications for fire-arm permits continues. Minimum number of permits to absolutely essential services only have been granted.

Order has been published by Questore Naples requiring all persons in possession of military weapons or ammunition to surrender same to authorities by 15/7/45.

4. Conduct of Military Personnel.

Remarks under 2(a) may be read to apply to conduct of troops generally. In addition thirty other cases of serious and semi-serious crimes alleged to have been committed by Allied personnel have been reported to this Office.

British and American Military Police are alert to take action against the perpretators and constantly re-inforce patrols in 'bad spots'. Unfortunately the transfer of American Police to other centres has seriously decreased the available police personnel and it is now learnt with regret that in the near future British M.P. and S.I.B. detachments are to be reduced.

Col. Rees -Reynolds C.B.E. Provost Marshal, Central Mediterranean Theatre has relinguished his command, returning to U.K. on Python.

Col. Mc Nally O.B.E. appointed Provost Marshal.

Lt. Col. G. White appointed A.P.M.

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5. Venereal Disease.

V.D. question is still receiving the close attention of Military and Civil Police services.

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Clandestine prostitution is being combatted by joint squads of M.P. and Questura.

Results for the month are :-

Arrests - females	152
Denounced "	290
Arrests - males	12
Denounced "	--
Disorderly Homes	21.

6. Relations with :-

(a) Military Police
(b) Security Services

are excellent in every respect - daily contact is maintained and close liaison has produced good results.

7. Functioning of Courts.

(a) Italian

Continue to operate satisfactorily.

(b) Allied

A.M.G. Superior and Summary Courts continue to sit under jurisdiction of C.L.C. Naples.

8. Other points affecting Civil Police.

Request by Sindaco of Naples to have restored to his jurisdiction approximately 800 Municipal Guards who are incorporated in the Questura, Naples was refused by the Commissioner on advice of R.P.S.O. after consultation with Questura.

PART (II) SECURITY

9. Sabotage.

No cases reported.

On 12th, 93 Italian undesirables deported from U.S.A. were disembarked from s/s Gripsholm. No prior information of their arrival had been received or accommodation prepared, after detention in concentration camp for two days to enable enquiries to be completed as to possibility of their arrest being sought by Italian Police they were vetted, checked, assorted according to criminal classification, their antecedents and particulars recorded and handed to disposition of Questura Naples who dispersed them to their home addresses under surveillance of

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local Questore of their respective Province.

10. Number of strikes and Lock-outs.

1. On 12th employees of Partenope Accumulator Works went on strike for increase in pay. No incidents. Resumed work on 15th.

2. On 13th, workmen of S.A. Fabbrica Fiammiferi went on strike for increase in pay. No incidents.

3. On 14th, street cleaners went on strike for payment of war indemnity. No incidents. Resumed work on 15th.

11. Other Civil Disturbances.

None to report.

12. State of public morale.

Public morale remains unchanged. General apathy is shewn by the population to the conduct of the war against Japan.

The total restoration of Italy to its own Government it is believed will follow dissolution of the Bonomi Government and the appointment of the new Government under Partisan leader Ferruccio PARRI.

Certain trepidation is felt following the announcement over the Italian radio that America and England cannot provide essential foodstuffs to supplement home produced commodities in the coming winter.

The continuance of high cost of living, low wages, lack of employment and establishment of the 'Black Market' has become an accepted fact in daily life.

13. Public Meetings.

During the period under review 66 public meetings of political nature have been held. No disorder or untoward incidents have occurred.

On 10th June, a memorial service and unveiling ceremony to Giacomo Matteotti (Socialist Martyr) took place in Naples, organised by Socialist Party. No disorder or untoward incident occurred amongst the large crowd attending. 1784

14. Appreciation of general security situation.

Security situation is satisfactory. The problem of Trieste and Fiume is still a subject for discussion but agitation has

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abated considerably.

The 'bogey' of Communism is still alive especially so since the arrival of highly coloured partisans (alleged) from the North.

The establishment and activities of the Partisans Association of Naples with offices at 216 Via Roma, is being closely watched.

Epuration is progressing under the jurisdiction of the Avv. Mancini but its dignity has received a severe blow by the release of Malaparte (notorious Fascist). Intervention by high circles in Rome is rumoured to be responsible.

15. Civilian Internees.

(a) General Position.

Total number of civilian internees held at 'A' civilian Internee Camp Padula (outside Naples Commune) from latest figures available shews 1712 remain interned including 127 females. Conditions are reported to be satisfactory.

(b) Number of internees in civil prisons.

Nil.

PART (III) LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

16. Steps taken with regard to registration of motor vehicles.

As reported in May report Provost Marshal American M.P. in conjunction with officials of CC.RR. and Questura have been engaged in 'screening' all motor vehicle circulation permits issued in Naples Commune. As a result of these activities, a total of 1640 permits out of the 4000 issued by Italian Authorities have been refused renewal effective from 1st July 45. Reasons: Non-essential in accordance with specification for circulation.

Review and screening board composed of above representatives sits in this Office each Monday to receive applications forwarded through R.A.C.I. "

During the month under review 3 civilians have received mortal injuries in traffic accidents.

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17. Problems in connection with registration etc.

No problem other than above which is being dealt with satisfactorily.

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18. Control of Civilian Movement.

Owing to the presence of Displaced Persons Repatriation Camps being situated in this area, large numbers of applications for authorisation to return to country of origin necessitating. issuance of M.T.A. or Army Forces permits are being received.

It is understood that frontiers are closed to civilians for entry from Italy into Central Europe and some confusion arises when such information is not furnished to this Department.

PART (IV) FIRE

19. General report on :-

(a) Efficiency. Satisfactory.

Strength :- Officers 16
N.C.Os 99
Vigili 1126

(b) State of Equipment. Equipment deteriorating. No replacements available. Clothing and footwear poor. In respect of above it is asked that consideration be given to Minister of Interior being approached to transfer from northern areas, surplus accessories and equipment of which it is believed there is an abundance of, untouched by war.

Vehicles condition :- 12 in service
2 under repairs
10 in need of repairs.

Urgent need of tyres immobilises other vehicles and separate representation has been and is continuing to be made for such.

(c) Brief details of serious fires.

On 21st June at Maddaloni, Naples, fire commenced in and was confined to goods waggon of military train. Contents varnish oil, maps, etc property of Allies and truck totally destroyed. Damage to railway premises sustained. Railway traffic stopped from 22.54 to 23.55 hours. Military Police investigating. No suspicion of arson or sabotage.

PART (VI) CIVIL DEFENCE

20. By whom controlled.

Remains under control of Comandante of Vigili del Fuoco. 1786

21. State of efficiency.

Statisfactory. During last inspection out of 45 sirens, 4 were found to be faulty. Repairs in hand.

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PART (VI)

PRISONS

22. Since ~~the~~ May 1945 prison report there has been no change in the general position on the Naples Commune prisons.

In respect of accommodation, the Naples S. Eframo Judiciary Asylum has been vacated by 56 Area Field Punishment Camp, and application has been made through 56 Area for derequisition and return to civilian use of this building. Area has now informed this Office that the premises are returned to Ministry of Grace and Justice forthwith.

The anticipated derequisition of the Portici Custodian Agents School has not materialised, and is now not likely to be effected for some time to come.

The Director of Prisons (Lt. Col. Bonomi) is endeavouring to find a source of supply of the materials necessary to the re-opening of additional accommodation at, Aversa Mandamentale Prison and Procida Penal Establishment, and has been provided with the necessary form of demand for the unblocking of controlled materials for these prisons.

An independent report has been made during the month regarding the revolt of 3 life sentence prisoners, which resulted in a number of prisoners being released from their cells. The situation was well handled by the duty guards, who restored order in an hour. After the incident 18 life sentence prisoners were returned to the Penal Establishment at S. Stefano, with the aid of the Italian Navy.

Eighty five prisoners have been transferred from Rome prisons to Poggioreale Prison during the month, some of them to await transfer to island prisons.

Latest prisoner returns for Prisons in Naples Commune show the following state :-

PRISONS	CAPACITY	AT PRESENT DETAINED				TOTAL	
		Awaiting trial		Sentenced			
		Men	Women	Men	Women		
Poggioreale Judiciary Prison	2500	2244		1125		3369	
Poggioreale Women	500		152		154	306	1781
Minor Prison S. Eframo	240	229			254	483	
Judiciary Insane Asylum	200	24			24	48	
Judiciary Reform. Nisida	350	-	-	-	-	Requisitioned.	

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PART (VII) 23. Number of cases brought to notice.

In accordance with instructions all cases are forwarded to the Questore for investigation and disposal.

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PART (VIII) 24. List of P.S. Personnel.

1. Major F.P. LUCKMAN - No. O-901608 (A) - S.C.A.P.O.
2. Capt. R.N. HOBBS - No. 279413 (B) - C.A.P.O. - Fire and C.D. Officer - Prisons Officer.

Re-assigned

1. Capt. C.E. BOLT - No. 313775 (B) - C.A.P.O. (Prisons) Naples Commune to XIII Corps A.M.G. 8th Army. Vide Special Order No. 172 dated 21/6/45.

25. Synopsis of General Public Safety situation.

Satisfactory.

F. P. LUCKMAN
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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel :478800

AC/14011/19/PS. 4 June 1945

SUBJECT : Circulation of Motor Vehicles.-Naples.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission.

1. The following is an extract from the A.M.G. Naples Commune Monthly Report for May, 1945:-

"LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

16. Steps taken with regard to registration of motor vehicles.

In conjunction with officials of Questura, CC.RR., the Provost Marshal American M.P. is 'screening' all circulation permits of vehicles licensed in Naples area to reduce in circulation only essential vehicles. This, it is hoped by virtue of decreasing demands for petrol will proportionately decrease thefts from petrol stores which are giving cause for grave concern."

2. Forwarded for information.

Major Wm. C. Ballance. G.L

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.J.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy to: Petsec, A.F.H.Q., R.A.A.C.

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

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Ref: PS/ 6.7 CONFIDENTIAL Date 29 May 1945

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - MAY 1945 -

TO : Hq ALCOM (attention of Public Safety Sub-Commission).

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HEADQUARTERS
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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/ 6.7

Date 29 May 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Activities - MAY 1945 -

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(attention of the Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission).

Submitted hereunder is the report of activities for the MONTH OF MAY 1945 in respect of Public Safety Division, Naples Commune, and set out in accordance with AC/14027/PS dated 17 Jan 45 :-

PART (I)

CIVIL POLICE

1. Civil Police

(a) Strength -

	Officers	O/Rs	Remarks
Carabinieri Reali.....	54	1354	-
Agenti di P.S.....	16	3543	-
Guardie di Finanza.....	60	1530	-
Guardie Municipali.....		68	-
Corpo Forestale.....	10	23	-

- Note:- the CC.RR figures relate to authorised establishment but the effective strength due to sickness etc is 40 Officers, 883 O.R's.

(b) Police recovered from extraneous duties.

Carabinieri Reali - 7
Agenti di P.S. - 4

(c) Report on efficiency, condition of uniforms, state of transport and communications.

Efficiency and morale of CC.RR. remain as hitherto of a high standard.
The withdrawal of CC.RR to Northern areas is deprecated by both CC.RR and this Department. Previous comment in regard to possible re-action to denuding this area of CC.RR has been made and is re-iterated.
M.P. units are being gradually decreased thus imposing greater responsibility upon Italian Police Forces.

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2. Crime

(a) Crime situation retains its normal character and statistics with offences committed by Allied Personnel still causing grave concern.

Among the more serious crimes reported are :-

1. On 9/4/45 at Via Aquila Naples Lieut. Merenda found dead. (rptd in previous month's report). Murderer identified as American soldier.

2. On 30th April 1945 at Via Vecchia Milano, Naples body of American coloured soldier found in well believed killed as reprisal for sexual assault. Investigation conducted C.M.P.

3. On 21/5/45 in Naples Questura Agents disturbed coloured American soldiers breaking into premises. Exchange of shots resulted in soldiers surrendering to Agents who handed them to custody of M.P.

Larcenies of industrial and commercial goods on a large scale continue and is indicative of the present economic position.

3. Possession of firearms etc by civilians.

Firearms permit control is maintained with utmost severity by this Office.

4. Conduct of Military Personnel.

The position remains static in this respect. With increased numbers of Allied troops passing through Naples, incidents between military and civilians (usually incited by overindulgence in alcohol) is bound to arise.

Military, Air Force, Naval and Marine Patrols (American, British, French and Italians) daily patrol the city.

Incidents have been reported of fights between Italian Military and British - American personnel, fortunately without serious consequences.

In no incidents has it been alleged the use of firearms was resorted to.

5. Venereal Disease.

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Still leaves much room for improvement. Special squads of Allied M.P. and Civil Police are combatting clandestine

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prostitution and during the month the following results are shewn :-

Arrests - females	179
" - males	38
Desorderly houses -	50

6. Relations with :-

(a) Military Police and
(b) Security Services

have remained excellent in every respect - we are in daily contact with these services and this close liaison has produced extremely good results during the month.

7. Functioning of Courts

(a) Italian

Continue to operate satisfactorily.

(b) Allied

Superior and A.M.G. Courts continue to sit in this City under jurisdiction of C.L.C. Naples.

8. Other points affecting Civil Police

Activities of Questura - SIB.

Recent case of large scale forgery (rptd in previous month's report) resulted in conviction of the accused and sentences were imposed of from 10 years to 6 months.

PART (II) SECURITY

9. Sabotage.

No cases reported.

10. Number of strikes and lock-outs

(i) 3/5/45. Strike for increase of wages at Cotoniere Meridionali, Poggioreale. No incidents.

(ii) 3/5/45. Strike for increase of wages by employees of Esattoria Comunale (Tax Office) Naples. No incidents.

(iii) 17/5/45. Nurses of various civilian hospitals went on strike for increase in wages. No incidents.

(iv) 17/5/45. Workers of Allied Military bakery, Naples ceased work to protest against conditions. No incidents.

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(v) 18/5/45. Workers at Mill Borriello Gennaro, Naples, strike for increase of pay. No incidents

(vi) 22/5/45. Workers of industrial workshops under control of Royal Navy, Naples ceased work in protest against dismissal of employees. No incidents.

(vii) 23/5/45. Workers of Southern Mill Association, Naples went on strike for increase in wages. No incidents.

(viii) 26/5/45. Employees of Gas Coy and Electricity Supply Coy Naples ceased work demanding increase in wages. No incidents.

11. Other Civil Disturbances.

None to report.

12. State of public morale.

Morale has considerably improved and is reflected in the general atmosphere. The 'Black Market' has received a definite 'set back' in the liberation of Northern Italy making available (it is hoped) quantities of necessities previously unobtainable.

The reaction to capitulation of Germany was not marked by any significant public expression. The general feeling was one of relief that the inevitable had at last occurred.

Gradual trend of events leading to the capitulation acted as a deterrent to any extreme manifestation.

13. Public Meetings.

During the period under review 79 meetings have been held, in the Commune. No disorder or untoward incidents have occurred.

14. Appreciation of general security situation.

Satisfactory. The agitation aroused over occupation of Trieste by Marshal Tito's forces has now subsided due to the statement issued by General Alexander.

Neapolitans are still anxiously watching developments in the North and awaiting events to adjust their own political endeavours accordingly.

Epuration is progressing satisfactorily under Avv. Mancini, the Provincial Delegate.

15. Civilian Internees.

(a) General position

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Total number of civilian internees held at 'A' Civilian Internee Camp, Padula (outside Naples Commune) remains at 1712 including 127 females. Conditions are reported to be satisfactory.

(b) Number of internees in Civil Prisons.
Nil return.

PART (III)

LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

16. Steps taken with regard to registration of motor vehicles.

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In conjunction with officials of Questura, CC.RR., the Provost Marshal American M.P. is 'screening' all circulation permits of vehicles licensed in Naples area to reduce in circulation only essential vehicles. This, it is hoped by virtue of decreasing demands for petrol will proportionately decrease thefts from petrol stores which are giving cause for grave concern.

17. Problems in connection with registration etc.

No problems other than above which is being dealt with satisfactorily.

18. Control of Civilian Movement.

The recent liberation of northern territories has resulted in overwhelming applications to proceed north. The new modified form of control has given satisfaction to the civilian population and relieved the pass office of considerable labours.

PART (IV)

FIRE

19. General report on :-

(a) Efficiency. Satisfactory.

Strength:-

Officers	14
N.C.Os	99
Vigili	1237
Dismissed	73
Transferred	2

(b) State of Equipment. Equipment deteriorating, no replacement available. Clothing, footwear poor. Vehicle condition :-

12 in service
2 under repair
10 in need of repairs.

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(c) Brief details of serious fires.

On 19th May 1945 at Italian Civilian Post Office a fire occurred among and was confined to sacks of U.S. Military Mail. Approximately 150 parcels destroyed. No suspicion of sabotage or arson. American Military Police investigating.

PART (V) CIVIL DEFENCE

21. By whom controlled.

Remains under the care of Comandanti of the Fire Brigades.

22. State of efficiency.

Satisfactory. Sirens :- During last inspection out of 45 one siren faulty. Repairs in hand.

PART (VI) PRISONS

23. The Prison position in Naples Commune remains practically unchanged, and whilst no immediate trouble, cannot be considered as entirely satisfactory. In common with prisons throughout the country, overcrowding is the main cause for anxiety, and in this connection it is regrettable that the Italian Ministry of Justice should have found it necessary to give orders for the transfer of 82 unruly political prisoners from Rome to the already grossly overcrowded Poggicreale Prison.

Lack of adequate staff is a second cause for anxiety, and efforts are being made to bring guards up to at least normal strength. An example of the position is, that obtaining at the Poggioreale Prison where the normal staff of 320 is reduced to 263, whilst the number of prisoners held is 1000 in excess of the normal 2500.

The fact that a great deal of available prison space is still requisitioned by Military, or out of use from other causes, is one which is now receiving every possible attention. The following examples of the position obtaining are of interest :-

(a) At Poggioreale Judiciary Prison, 300 places for prisoners are lost through requisition of that part of the prison comprising the agents barracks, punishment cells, offices, quarters over offices, interview room and an employees billet.

(b) At Naples Judiciary Insane Asylum, 180 places are lost through partial requisition.

(c) At Nisida Judiciary Reformatory, 350 places are lost through total requisition.

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(d) At Aversa Mandamentale Prison 100 places are lost owing to lack of materials necessary to open it. These materials are in the main bedding (blankets, and materials for making straw mattresses).

(e) At Procida Penal Establishment a further 100 places are lost for lack of the same materials at (d).

From this it will be seen that accommodation for a further 1030 prisoners could be made available.

The most urgent necessity is the de-requisition by the Military of that portion of Poggioreale Prison at present occupied by 56 Area, especially in view of the fact that Italian Political Prisoners are now to be kept there. The present position is entirely unsatisfactory from accommodation supervision, and discipline points of view, inasmuch as joint control of visitors is not satisfactory, whilst the inevitable mixing of the Military and Italian prison administration is detrimental to the strict discipline necessary in an institution of this size.

In connection with the accommodation occupied by 56 Area, it is hoped that entirely satisfactory alternative accommodation will be found at the Portici Custodien Agents School, which is totally requisitioned, but at present only partly occupied.

Repairs to damaged prison property is proceeding, but slowly. Efforts to utilise prison labour to expedite this work are being made.

No serious incident has been reported during the month, and the feeding and medical service is satisfactory.

The following figures apply to the Prisons in use in Naples Commune :-

PRISONS	CAPACITY	AT PRESENT DETAINED				TOTAL
		Awaiting trial		Sentenced		
		Men	Women	Men	Women	
Poggioreale Judiciary Prison	~~2500~~ 2000	~~1797~~ 2060		1165		~~2698~~ 3225
Poggioreale Women	500		159		138	297
Minor Prison S. Eframo	240	225		221		446
Judiciary Insane Asylum	200	24		21		45

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PRISONS	CAPACITY	AT PRESENT DETAINED				TOTAL
		Awaiting trial		Sentenced		
		Men	Women	Men	Women	
Judiciary						
Reformatory						
Nisida	350	-	-	-	-	Requisitioned
TOTAL		~~2046~~ 2299	159	1407	138	~~3186~~ 4008

PART (VII)

FORGED AMG CURRENCY

24. Number of cases brought to notice

In accordance with instructions all cases are forwarded to the Questore for investigation and disposal.

PART (VIII)

GENERAL

25. List of P.S. Personnel.

1. Major F.P. LUCKMAN - No.C-901608 (A) - S.C.A.P.C.
2. Capt. R.N. HOBBS - No.279413 (B) - C.A.P.C. (also Fire & C.D. Officer)
3. Capt. C.E. BOLT - No.313775 (B) - Prisons Officer

Re-assigned

1. Major C. RICHARDSON - No.282757 (B) - S.C.A.P.C. Naples Commune to Venezia Region vide Special Order No. 132 dated 12th May 1945
2. Capt. F.C. STILES - No.C184807 (A)- C.A.P.C. (Prisons) Naples Commune to Venezia Region vide Special Order No. 143 dated 23rd May 1945.

26. Synopsis of General Public Safety Situation.

Satisfactory.

F. P. Luckman

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Major, A.C.,
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Naples Commune.

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TO : HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
APO 394
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref: PSD 6.7 date 2 May 1945

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - APRIL 1945 -

TO : HQ ALCOM (attention of Public Safety Sub-Commission).

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
APO 394
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/ 6.7 date 2 May 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Activities - APRIL 1945 -

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(attention of the Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission).

Submitted hereunder is the report of activities for the MONTH OF APRIL 1945 in respect of Public Safety Division, Naples Commune, and set out in accordance with AC/14027/PS dated 17 Jan 45 :-

PART (I) — CIVIL POLICE

1. Civil Police

(a) Strength

	Officers	O/Rs	Remarks
Carabinieri Reali.....	66	1332	-
Agenti di P.S.....	16	3543	-
Guardie di Finanza.....	60	1530	-
Guardie Municipali.....		68	-
Corpo Forestale.....	10	23	-

- Note:- the CC.RR. figures relate to authorised establishment but the effective strength due to sickness etc is 43 Officers, 1084 O.R's.

(b) Police recovered from extraneous duties

Carabinieri Reali - 5
Agenti di P.S. - 7

(c) Report on efficiency, condition of uniforms, state of transport and communications.

We can make no adverse report in respect of efficiency and morale during the current month especially in regard to the CC.RR. The efficiency of a police force is dependent primarily upon the means at its disposal such as sufficiency of personnel, suitable transport and communications, proper uniform and other equipment also reasonable living conditions. We realise only too well that in Neapolitan police circles there is a serious lack of these necessities, yet they have operated and cooperated well and successfully as their

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'returns' indicate - thus, it is suggested, greater credit is due to them than their more fortunate colleagues elsewhere.

Undoubtedly, the most important matter this month is the withdrawal and intended withdrawal of large forces of CC.RR. and GG.FF from this area for duty in the north of Italy. On 26 April 600 CC.RR., including 250 from the Naples Legion, were despatched whilst a further 1000 are awaiting the call. In the case of the GG.FF. 600 are now being mustered in Naples for the northern areas.

The CC.RR Command has made extremely strong representation to this HQ - the Commander is genuinely alarmed and fears that his force will be rendered completely impotent if there id further denuding of his effective establishment: This HQ must associate itself with the remarks of this experienced Commander.

When reviewing the police situation, it must also be taken into account that they have suffered a further 'loss' recently - the powerful moral and physical support of three companies of US Military Police withdrawn from the area for duty elsewhere.

Maybe, comment is out of place here, but it is sincerely hoped that in the interests of all concerned, Allied and Italian, suitable consideration will be given to the public safety situation in Naples which can still be termed an 'operational zone' and may continue to be so after the majority of northern areas have passed back to Italian Government control.

I should have mentioned before that the CC.RR. and Questura have been given an added responsibility this month, the protection of royalty. Recently, the King and Queen of Italy moved to and took up residence within this AMG territory - this matter will be discussed in greater detail under heading 'Appreciation of General Security Situation' para. 14.

2. Crime

(a) General Situation

Static is a reasonable description - there have been a number of serious crimes of violence but due entirely to civil police activity, few remain unsolved. Six murders have been reported including two alleged committed by

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Allied (coloured) military personnel.

Large scale thefts of commercial goods and industrial machinery have occurred, three examples of which are :-

(a) On 26 Mar premises of Guidi Bros, Via Costantinopoli, were broken into. Twenty cases of confectionery, typewriters, truck tyres etc, value together over a million lire, were stolen.

(b) On 31 Mar unknown persons entered with duplicate keys workshop at Via Santo Strato, Naples, and stole prismatic lathes, electric motors, other motors, spare parts etc to the total value of 15,000,000 lire.

(c) On 5 Apr at S. Giovanni a Teduccio, Naples, the C.A.M. factory was entered by thieves who stole several million lire worth of leather, nails etc.

(b) Brief details of serious crimes committed.

(i) On 1 Apr at Posillipo, Naples, man killed by knife. Motive revenge for causing death of brother. Assailant arrested.

(ii) On 9 Apr at Via Aquila, Naples, Lieut. Merenda (Italian M.P.) was found lying in the roadway suffering from bullet wounds. Died on admission to hospital. Enquiries in hand to trace assailant.

(iii) On 14 Apr in Pianura, Naples, dead body of unknown person was found. Death apparently due to head wounds. Enquiries in hand to identify body and trace assailant.

(iv) On 19 Apr in Ponticelli during quarrel man was shot receiving wounds from which he died. Assailant escaped, but identity known and arrest sought.

(v) Between 16 and 20 Apr 23 civilians arrested in Naples by Questura agents and SIB for the forgery and uttering of Allied Military currency notes. Many implements used in the manufacture of forgeries recovered. Forgers admit to manufacture notes representing between 40 and 50 million and the fact they have been operating since Aug 44. Special report has been submitted on this case to HQ AC. 1764

3. Possession of firearms etc by civilians.

The strictest control has been maintained in this connection. Many applications have passed through this Office, but

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approvals have been kept to a minimum.

4. Conduct of Military Personnel.

In general, despite the vigorous activities of Allied M.P. and the Italian Civil Police, the situation has not improved. Crimes of violence continue to be a disturbing feature in this area. The more serious offences coming to our knowledge are :-

(i) On 2 Apr at Naples unidentified coloured soldiers shot and killed a woman aged 37 years believed for reason of jealousy. Investigations proceeding by SIB.

(ii) On 5 Apr at Bagnoli, Naples, a boy aged 15 years was found dead from head injuries. Enquiries resulted in arrest of US soldier for murder.

(iii) On 13 Apr at Naples, British soldier admitted to hospital suffering from gun shot wounds from ~~which~~ he subsequently died. £50 sterling and rubber stamps found in his possession. Prior to decease he made a statement involving other persons in black market activities. SIB investigating.

Approximately 20 cases of robbery with violence alleged committed by Allied personnel or persons masquerading as Allied personnel have come to notice this month - these incidents are receiving the attention of Allied Provost Commands.

Three or four incidents have been reported by the Questura in which US military personnel and Italian civilians ~~are~~ became involved in fights, allegedly following insulting remarks on both 'sides'.

Three incidents of similar conduct between British personnel and Italian sailors have come to our knowledge but these incidents have not had serious results.

In regard to Italian personnel: On 26 Apr allegations were made that Italian soldiers and sailors attempted to cut the hair of Italian girls seen in the company of Allied soldiers. Two Italian sailors and a soldier were detained and enquiries are in progress. 1763

5. Venereal Disease.

The position is not good and it is obvious it will remain so until the troops are withdrawn. Nevertheless, the anti-vice squads of the Allied M.P. and Civil Police have been particularly

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active - 165 women suspected of clandestine prostitution have been arrested, whilst 42 ponces and 45 unlicensed brothels have been dealt with in the City.

The medical officers of the Pace Hospital for Venereal Disease referred to under this heading in report for the previous month, have appeared before a G.M. Court in Naples this month and were discharged on all Counts owing to insufficiency of evidence.

6. Relations with :-

(a) Military Police and
(b) Security Services

have remained excellent in every respect - we are in daily contact with these services and this close liaison has produced extremely good results during the month.

7. Functioning of Courts

(a) Italian

These Courts have been operating very well particularly in cases relating to Allied interests - a total of 1254 such cases involving 1379 defendants have been disposed of during the month.

(b) Allied

In this connection 748 cases involving 772 defendants have been dealt with.

8. Other points affecting Civil Police

There is no other points affecting Civil Police for discussion under this heading.

PART (II) SECURITY

9. Sabotage

No cases reported.

10. Number of strikes and lock-outs

A number of strikes have been reported as hereunder :-

(i) Over period 29/31 Mar 600 employees of the Ansaldo Workshops, HQ REME, 693 Base, went on strike for increase in pay. 1762 Returned on 1 Apr 1945. No untoward incidents.

(ii) On 30 Mar employees of public services in Naples went on strike for increase in pay. Increase given, work resumed and no untoward incidents.

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(iii) On 2 Apl employees of S. Carlo Opera House, Naples, went on strike for increase in pay. Later resumed work. No untoward incident.

(iv) On 4 Apl 1,200 employees of Nafta, Siaf and Agip factories went on strike for increase of pay. On promise of increase, work was resumed. No untoward incident.

(v) On 12 Apl at Naples Arenaccia 60 employees of pasta factory went on strike for increase in pay. Later resumed work. No untoward incident.

11. Other civil disturbances.

None to report.

12. State of public morale

Despite the poor economic conditions prevailing, it has been very apparent that public morale in Naples Commune and the surrounding areas has improved considerably of late - unquestionably, this is due to the rapid 'clearance' of northern Italy and the belief that the cessation of hostilities is not far distant. However, there has been a setback; the sudden death of President Roosevelt during the month had a profound effect on Neapolitans and a sombre note could be detected amongst all classes throughout the City for days after the announcement.

13. Public meetings

During the period under review a total of 83 political and other meetings have been held in the Commune, but no disorder has been reported in connection with any of these assemblies.

14. Appreciation of general security situation.

Satisfactory.

The political 'field' in Naples during the month was reasonably quiet until the public appearance of Togliatti, the Italian Communist Leader, at the S. Carlo Opera House on 29 Apr, but even that 'incident' did not seem to arouse the ardour of the average Neapolitan to any great extent - this particular meeting, incidentally, was well conducted and there were no untoward incidents.

Despite this apparent calm, it is obvious that the Socialist-Communist parties in Naples have continued to strengthen their ranks steadily with a view to more vigorous action after the cessation of hostilities which all Neapolitans consider is only a matter of days - when the Armistice is announced we

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do not expect trouble as all party leaders here seem well-disciplined and persons who have full knowledge of their responsibilities; nevertheless, we are keeping a very watchful eye on the situation.

The Triesté 'problem' has been an important item on discussion for most Neapolitans, particularly those of the student class. No untoward incidents, however, have occurred.

The escape of General Roatta in Rome has continued to be a topic of general conversation in the City, but there is every indication that interest is on the wane - the rumour still persists that the escape was engineered by Italian Monarchists.

Epuration, under the able leadership of the Provincial Delegate Avv. Mancini, has been satisfactory. It is claimed by those authorities that epuration is proceeding much more satisfactorily in Naples than in other parts of liberated Italy. There has been unpleasant incident in connection with epuration matters, namely, the improper release from prison of a person detained upon the orders of the Delegate, but that case has been dealt with under classified correspondence with HQ Allied Commission.

On 26 Apr 45 the Italian Royal Household took up residence in this area. Prior to arrival police arrangements were completed at this HQ during a meeting between APM 56 Area, PM PBS South, CC.RR. and Questura. As a result the area surrounding the residence has been placed 'out of bounds', the King's personal bodyguard of 50 CC.RR supplemented by 35 local CC.RR, Questore has supplied 4 Agenti for patrol duty and telephonic connection has been established between O/C CC.RR Royal Household and all Allied police services. So far the local population have taken no interest in the arrival of their Royal Family and no incident has been repprted.

15. Civilian Internees.

(a) General position

The total number of civilian internees now held at 'A' Civilian Internee Camp, Padula (outside Naples Commune) is 1712 and of these 127 are females. Conditions at the Camp are reported to be satisfactory.

(b) Number of internees in Civil Prisons

Nil return.

PART (III) LICENSING AND REGISTRATION 1760

16. Steps taken with regard to registration of motor vehicles.

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By the amount of civilian traffic on the roads in Naples Commune it would seem that far too many circulation permits have been issued by the Italian authorities to whom the task of issuing permits was handed last year. Therefore, with the assistance of personnel loaned by the PM., PBS., this HQ is about to commence on a severe vetting of permits now in circulation and in all cases where permits are deemed unnecessary, same will be cancelled.

17. Problems in connection with registration etc

No problems encountered except as referred to above.

18. Control of civilian movement.

Continues to be satisfactory.

In accordance with instructions the Questura, Naples, has taken over all matters in connection with the issuing of permits including applications for the Army areas which are passed direct by that authority to the Ministry of the Interior for onward transmission. We are inconstant contact with the Questura pass officer who has been instructed to approach this HQ in any case where difficulty is experienced.

FIRE

PART (IV)

19. General report on :-

(a) Efficiency.

Satisfactory. The strength of the Brigade is being reduced to about pre-war level.

(b) State of equipment.

Once more the acute shortage of tyres, tubes and M/T spares is brought to notice. Repeated requests to Transportation Section this HQ, have, so far, brought about no improvement in the tyre and tube position. Of 25 WD vehicles attached to the Italian Fire Service, 16 were in need of major repairs on 16 Apl 45, since that date 2 have been repaired by REME, Naples, The state of these vehicles has been reported periodically since September 1944, by this HQ to G.4 (B), HQ ALCOM and Transportation Section this HQ. Clothing and footwear position only fair, no further supplies received since last small issue 2/3 months ago.

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20. Brief details of serious fires.

None.

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29.4.45 Large building collapsed (previously damaged in bombardment) 1 killed.

PART (V) CIVIL DEFENCE

21. By whom controlled.

Remains under the care of Comandanti of the Fire Brigades.

22. State of efficiency.

Satisfactory. Sirens now tested weekly in lieu of daily.

(a) Incidents.

On 11 Apr at 2235 hours one hostile plane made 'recce' raid over Naples Port. Two runs were made over the Port during which 8 photoflash bombs were dropped; the plane continued on to Salerno where three more photoflash bombs were dropped. "Window" reported south of Naples harbour. A/A went into action. No damage or casualties.

PART (VI) PRISONS

23. Number and locations of prisons in use, by categories.

Judicial Prisons	-	No variation
Penal Houses	-	" "
Juvenile Prisons	-	" "
Reformatories	-	" "
Manicomi	-	" "

24. General conditions in respect of

(a) Administration

Satisfactory.

A request has been made for an additional 50 guards for prisons in the Commune. A further request has been made for the appointment of a Deputy Director of Poggioreale Prison.

(b) Sanitation

Generally satisfactory although there is still a lack of soap and disinfectants.

(c) Food

No change to report.

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(d) Prison Labour

Satisfactory and Poggioreale Prison is still supplying labour for 557 BOD, Naples.

(e) Records

Satisfactory standard maintained.

25. Prisoners, approximate number of :-

(a) Convicted prisoners - 2207
(b) Awaiting trial - 1807

PART (VII) FORGED AMG CURRENCY

26. Number of cases brought to notice

In accordance with instructions all cases are forwarded to the Questore for investigation and disposal.

27. Number of persons arrested for forgery offences

See para 2(b)(v) of this report.

PART (VIII) GENERAL

28. List of P.S. personnel

1. Major G. Richardson - No.282757 (B) - S.C.A.P.O.
2. Capt. R.N. Hobbs - No.279413 (B) - C.A.P.O.
3. Capt. C. Noble - No.279323 (B) - C.A.P.O. (also Fire & CD Officer)
4. Capt. F.C. Stiles - No.0184807 (A)- Prisons Officer.

29. Synopsis of General Public Safety Situation

Satisfactory - see para 1(c), 12 and 14 of this report.

G. RICHARDSON
Major,
S.C.A.P.O.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

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This report of activities for the month of MARCH 1945 is the last in respect of Public Safety Division, Southern Region, as this Region is closed as and from 1st April 1945 - hereafter the report will cover the Commune of Naples which area is still under AMG control.

It may be considered the information in this particular report is some-what scanty; this is regretted but is due to the fact that on 21st February 1945 all personnel were withdrawn from Zones leaving only 3 Officers located at Naples to deal with routine and extraordinary matters affecting the whole Region.

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1. Civil Police

(a) Strength-

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Returns indicate that the satisfactory standard of efficiency has been maintained by all Police Agencies. The Guardie Municipali, however, cannot be included in this statement; they remain inefficient and apathetic.

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The highly unsatisfactory state of transport as previously reported has shewn no improvement whatsoever - the situation has steadily deteriorated during the period under review.

Uniforms and weapons can be described as fair; replacements have been presenting difficulties.

No outstanding matters have been brought to notice during the month except those referred to under heading "Conduct of Military Perennel".

2. Crime

(a) General situation.

The position here can be described as static - crime returns, obviously 'bolstered up' by the present poor economic conditions, are heavy from our standards but there is no cause for anxiety. The statistical reports indicate some very 'useful' arrests effected in the Region by the Italian Police Services for both serious and minor crimes.

(b) Brief details of serious crimes committed.

(i) At 0130 hours, 1 Mar 45, at Casalnuovo, Naples, a CC.RR was shot and killed by thieves whom he disturbed. One arrest by CC.RR.

(ii) During night of 2/3 Mar 45 bomb thrown against door of cinema at Torre del Greco, Naples, alleged in protest of shewing of film 'The Dictator'. No personal injuries. Slight damage to premises. 10 persons, believed of fascist sympathies, detained on suspicion by Civil Police.

(iii) At 12 night, 9/10 Mar 45; at Resina, Naples, bombs were thrown in street alleged by Communists. No personal injuries or damage to property.

(iv) At Arienzo, Benevento, on 11 Mar 45 a British soldier was murdered by two civilians who have since been arrested and are now awaiting trial.

(v) At Minervino Murge, Bari, on 18 Mar 45, 1 CC.RR. shot and fatally wounded during running fight with armed demonstrators following religious ceremony. HQ AC kept advised by signal and report. 17.3

(vi) At 2245 hours 20 Mar 45 at Naples a British merchant seaman found stabbed to death in 'out of bounds' area in Naples City. SIB investigating in company with Italian Police.

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(vii) At 2210 on 25 Mar 45 at Naples two British airmen and one soldier subjected to unprovoked attack by civilians. Airmen received injuries and so far 2 civilians arrested on charge of GBH.

(viii) Five civilians forming gang stealing from Military dumps in Nola area, Naples, arrested. 17 other civilians denounced.

3. Possession of firearms etc by civilians.

No report has been received of indiscretion on the part of the Italian authorities in the issue of firearm permits.

The strictest control of such permits has been maintained in Naples Commune (AMG) where all applications pass through this Office and receive a severe vetting.

4. Conduct of Military Personnel.

Generally, the conduct is improving but still leaves much to be desired. Cases of robbery and assault occasioned in most instances by drunkenness are still occurring.

Incidents have occurred between Italian and Allied soldiers and civilians resulting in loss of life on both 'sides' following the use of firearms. Owing to prompt intervention of Military and Civil Police what may have become grave and far-reaching incidents have been localised. Many arrests of Allied and Italian military personnel also civilians have been effected and are being dealt with by competent authority.

During the month allegations have reached this HQ of interference by Allied Military in the duties of Italian Civil Police. We made strong representation to the Allied M.P. Commands to remedy the position - these efforts were not in vain as one such authority has issued a directive to 'All ranks' the terms of which could not be misunderstood by the readers; since publication there has been no cause for complaint.

Reference the persistent misconduct of Italian paratroopers dealt with at length in the report for last month: Our 'demands' and 'suggestions' to the Italian Military Authority have borne fruit in as much as Naples is now 'out of bounds' to Italian paratroopers; the City and surrounding district is patrolled by Regimental Police Patrols drawn from the ranks of the paratroopers and no paratrooper is permitted to carry firearms etc - this month no incidents of this character have come to our notice.

5. Venereal Disease.

Again the position here shows little or no change but the

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specially trained squads of Allied M.P. and Civil Police have been very active. In the City of Naples during the current month 144 women practising clandestine prostitution have been arrested by these forces.

In the City and Province of Naples during the same period 741 prostitutes and suspected prostitutes have been found affected following medical examination. At the present moment in this particular area 973 diseased women are detained in hospital for treatment.

On 29 Mar 45 the two Italian medical officers of Pace Hospital, Naples, referred to in previous report, were arraigned before a G.M. Court at Naples on an Indictment containing 29 Counts of doing acts prejudicial to the Allied Forces also for other irregularities in connection with the conduct of the hospital - the case is being closely watched by this Office and the first days hearing was 'satisfactory' from the prosecution's point of view.

6. Relations with :-

(a) Military Police and
(b) Security Services

are excellent and it is true to say it could not be improved upon even if we 'worked alongside each other in the same office'.

Lectures to M.P. and S.I.B. training in the area are being continued.

7. Functioning of Courts

(a) Italian

In general satisfactory with Naples area 'taking the lead' as regards efficiency and rapidity in disposal of cases. However, no complaint of any serious discrepancy has been received from any locality in the Region.

(b) Allied

Only two such Courts have 'operated' in the Region, these being at Naples where the A.M.G. Court has dealt with 28 cases involving 74 persons. The other Court has 'sat' without interruption during the month - this has dealt exclusively with matters affecting the Port and to date only 30 cases are awaiting disposal.

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8. Other points affecting Civil Police.

Our periods of control and supervision of the Italian Civil Police Services in the south of Italy have come to an end and those Services are now left 'to stand on their own feet'. It is deeply regretted that we have not been able to leave them with the equipment, communications, decent living conditions etc which no one can deny are absolutely essential for efficient duty in a Country untouched by military invasion, never mind Italy - other Countries, much more stable in every way than Italy, have suffered from the short sighted policy of ignoring the genuine demands of, and failing to give their civil police the 'tools with which to do the job'.

Nevertheless. speaking as police officers who have had long and close contact with the Services in the south, my colleagues and I feel we need have no fear as to their future conduct and loyalty to the cause of public order and discipline. Everyone is forced to admit, upon taking into consideration all the circumstances, that the conduct of these Services has been commendable and we are confident it will continue to be so.

PART (II) SECURITY

9. Sabotage.

A case of telephone wire cutting occurred at Torre del Greco, Naples, on 24 Mar 45 and is under investigation by FSS.

No other untoward incident to report.

10. Number of strikes and lock-outs.

A number of strikes have been reported as hereunder :-

(i) On 3 Mar 45 at SME Naples workers came out on strike alleging insufficient pay. Upon intervention of management work was resumed. No untoward incident reported.

(ii) On 20 Mar 45, 205 employees of industrial firm at Naples went on strike demanding increase of food ration. Work resumed later. No untoward incident.

(iii) On 20 and 24 Mar 45, doctors and nurses of several hospitals in Naples area protested against insufficient pay and refused to carry out their duties. After short duration work was resumed and no untoward incident has been reported.

(iv) On 24 Mar 45, employees of Gas Coy went on strike for increase in pay. After intervention of management work was resumed. No untoward incident reported.

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(v) On 27 Mar 45 strike occurred at certain mills at Castellammare di Stabis, Naples, for increase in salaries. Work resumed later and no untoward incident reported.

(vi) On 28 Mar 45, 5000 employees at shipbuilding yard 'Ansaldo' at Pozzuoli, Naples, under control of REME ceased work as protest against economic conditions. Violence feared, civil police reinforced, work resumed and no untoward incident .

(vii) On 30 Mar 45 at Naples, workers of water, electricity and gas companies ceased work because they had not received an Easter 'gratuity'. Work has now resumed. Public services not interrupted and conditions now practically normal. No untoward incident reported.

11. Other civil disturbances.

The escape of General Roatta from custody has not passed without incident in this Region. Rumours that it was a Royalist 'engineered' plot to prevent Roatta from disclosing information derogatory to high Government officials, have circulated in the area. In this connection the following demonstrations have been held :-

(i) At Naples on 7 Mar 45 3000 persons demonstrated demanding resignation of the Government. Dispersed without incident.

(ii) At Taranto on 7 Mar 45 strike of workers in Royal Arsenal took place followed by procession through City as protest against 'escape' of Roatta. Dispersed without incident.

(iii) At Martina Franca, Taranto, on 7 Mar 45 400 persons demonstrated demanding resignation of Government. Dispersed without incident.

(iv) At Taranto on 8 Mar 45 3000 workers of Royal Arsenal assembled in centre of City as protest. Dispersed without incident.

Many other minor demonstrations took place particularly in the Bari Zone, but no untoward incident reported in any case. 17.

12. State of public morale.

Static would appear a reasonable description - recently, however, there has been a slight uplift firstly as the withdrawal of AC from the south is believed generally to be a move towards Italy receiving the full status of an Ally and, secondly, because there is a universal belief the end of the war is now really in sight.

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13. Public meetings.

Political and other meetings have taken place throughout the Region during the current month but no disorder has come to our knowledge except in the case referred to in para 2 (b)(v).

14. Appreciation of general security situation.

Generally satisfactory.

Instances have been reported recently, particularly from the Naples area, of Italian troops in transit singing fascist songs - these complaints are under investigation by the appropriate security services.

A report has been received from RTO Potenza that on 23 Mar 45, 14 PWs escaped from PW train travelling Salerno - Tranto. A number have been recaptured by CC.RR but full details are not yet to hand.

The Naples Provincial Delegation for Epuration are operating efficiently and with energy. Political circles in this area comment very favourably upon the activities of the Commissioner, Avv. Mancini, who is doing his utmost to carry out his duties 'to the letter'.

On 22 Mar 45 the well-known writer Curzio Malaparte was examined and later arrested by the Epuration Delegation in Naples - this news was well received in the area. However, it has been learned that Malaparte was later released from prison upon the direct intervention of a certain Allied authority. This action followed the removal from the Island of Capri of a Questura official who is known to have reported against Malaparte, a person with considerable influence in Capri. The circumstances surrounding the release of Malaparte and the removal of the police official which incidentally did not 'pass' through this Office are being investigated by this HQ and upon conclusion a special report will be submitted.

15. Civilian Internees.

(a) General position

1753 civilians are at present detained at the Civilian Internees Camp (Padula). Of this number 135 are females. Conditions at the camp are reported satisfactory.

(b) Number of internees in Civil Prisons.

Nil return.

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PART (III)

LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

16. Steps taken with regard to registration of motor vehicles.

Nothing of a very unusual nature to report - no unfavourable reports have reached this HQ relative to registration by Italian authorities. However, a commission of the Italian Government is expected in Naples shortly to conduct an enquiry into the activities of the Naples branch of ENAC.

17. Problems in connection with registration etc.

No problems encountered but this would appear an appropriate time to speak of tyre permits: It is known that some thousands of salvaged WD tyres are awaiting disposal in Naples to essential Italian services but distribution cannot be effected until proper permit forms have been received from HQ. This matter was taken up by Registration and Licensing Division, Public Safety S/C, but despite constant pressure by that Division upon Transportation S/C, no forms have appeared at this Office to date.

18. Control of civilian movement.

Continues to be satisfactory.

Applications for permits to Army Areas are being rigidly vetted by this HQ before being passed to the competent issuing authorities - only in the most urgent and important cases are applications forwarded for consideration and these have been extremely few in number.

Military Travel Authorisation traffic for civilians wishing to leave the theatre, has been fairly considerable during the month and an increase is expected - the work however has been running smoothly and there has been excellent co-operation between this HQ, the security services and Officials of the various Consulates.

PART (IV)

FIRE

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19. General report on :-

(a) Efficiency. Satisfactory. A demonstration held during the month showed they are well trained and not lacking in courage.

(b) State of equipment. Generally poor though a small consignment of equipment drawn from official British sources has slightly improved the position. Shortage of tyres, tubes and M/T spares continues to be a matter of grave concern and further application has been made to our Economic and Supply and

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Transportation Sections to improve the position, so far without result. Unless something is done, and soon, we shall be faced with the prospect of fire vehicles being unable to respond to calls, this will throw a greater burden on Army fire brigades. The clothing and footwear position is fair - no further supplies has been forthcoming within the month under review.

20. Brief details of serious fires.

On 9 Mar 45 at Naples in the Royal Palace (below NAAFI O.Rs Club) serious fife causing damage tc extent of L. 5,000,000. No personal injury. No foul play.

On 14 Mar 45 at Salerno in premises of S.A. Manifatture Cotoniere Meridionali. Burned for 4 hours before put out. Several millions lire worth of chemical products and raw material destroyed. No foul play.

PART (V) CIVIL DEFENCE

21. By whom controlled. Remains under the care of the Comandanti of the various Fire Brigades.

22. State of efficiency. Fairly satisfactory.

(i) Cn 28 Feb 45 in Naples at 2115 hours one hostile plane made a 'recce' raid, over the Port of Naples. Eight photo flash bombs dropped. No other bombs and no other hostile acts reported. 'Window' reported in vicinity of Naples harbour. A/A went into action. No damage or casualties.

(ii) Cm 7 Mar 45, 45 miles N/NW of Naples one hostile plane made a 'recce' raid. No bombs dropped and no other hostile acts reported. No 'window' reported, no A/A in action. No damage or casualties. Plane reported to have flown from Florence region.

(iii) On 13 March 45 in Naples at 2030 hours hostile plane made a 'recce' raid over the Port of Naples. No bombs dropped and no other hostile acts reported. 'Window' was reported SW of Naples harbour. A/A went into action. No damage or casualties.

(iv) On 23 March 45 in Naples at 2141 hours one hostile plane made a 'recce' raid over the Port of Naples and district. Five photoflash bombs dropped. No other bombs or hostile acts reported. 'Window' reported North of Naples. A/A went into action. No damage or casualties.

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Public warning not sounded in any of these raids.

PART (VI) PRISONS

23. Number and locations of Prisons in use, by categories.

Judicial Prisons - No variation.

Penal Houses - No variation.

Juvenile Prisons - No variation.

Reformatories - No variation.

Manicomi - No variation.

24. General conditions in respect of :-

(a) Administration

Our new Prisons Officer, Capt. F.C. Stiles (A), reports that as a result of his visits to varicus prisons in the area, he can find no complaint in the administration.

(b) Sanitation.

Generally satisfactory although there is a sad lack of soap and disinfectant which is not improving the hygiene problem. No cases of infecticus of contagious disease have come to our knowledge this month.

(c) Food.

There is no change to report in the food situation.

(d) Prison Labour.

Reports are satisfactory and Poggioreale Prison is still supplying labour for 557 BOD.

(e) Records.

Satisfactory standard maintained.

25. Prisoners, approximate number of :-

(a) Convicted prisoners :- 7,168
(b) Awaiting trial :- 7,135

PART (VII) FORGED AMG CURRENCY

26. Number of cases brought to notice. Total number recovered.

See Appendix 'A' attached in accordance with AC/14044/PS of 1 Feb 45.

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27. Number of persons arrested for forgery offences.

See Appendix 'A' attached.

PART (VIII)

GENERAL

28. List of P. S. personnel.

Regional H.Q.

1. Major G. Richardson - No.282757 (B) Reg. Public Safety Officer
2. Capt. R. N. Hobbs - No.279413 (B) Ass. R. P. S. O.
3. Capt. C. Noble - No.279323 (B) Reg. Fire and Civil Defence Officer - attended course and awaiting movement to AMG (Austria).
4. Capt. F.C. Stiles - No.0184807 (A) Reg. Prisons Officer.
5. Capt. H. Strand - No.279422 (B) Zone Public Safety Officer, Taranto, in hospital with possibility of evacuation to UK.

29. Synopsis of General Public Safety Situation.

Satisfactory and brief remarks appearing in paras Nos. 8, 11 and 14 are applicable here.

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APPENDIX 'A'

RE FORGED ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY NOTES FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1945 SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AC/14044/PS OF 1 FEB 45.

1. Total number of cases handled.

461 cases

2. Total number of notes involved.

502 notes

(a) 'Raised' notes

50 to 500 lire	-	8 notes
100 to 1000 lire	-	1 note

(b) Forged notes (complete)

1000 lire	-	302 notes
500 "	-	62 "
100 "	-	7 "
1000 franc (french)		1 note

3. Arrests etc.

Arrests effected for possessing and uttering in three cases and Court proceedings pending.

4. Special note.

At time of compilation of this report information has been received that on 28 Mar 45 important arrests were effected in Naples area by Questura and SIB personnel. The following are important points known to date and full details will be forwarded by special report to HQ immediately same are available :-

1. 10 civilians arrested for forgery, possessing etc.
2. 3 printing presses and printing material recovered from separate addresses in Naples.
3. Gang has been active since Aug 44.
4. Material recovered shews 25 different serial numbers used.
5. Estimated output forgeries representing 40,000,000 lire.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14011/19/PS 6 March 1945

SUBJECT : Conduct of Military Personnel.

TO : M.M.I.A.

Para 4 3 H

Attached for your information is an extract of the monthly report from Southern Region, Public Safety Division, dated 28 February 1945.

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TO : HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
(attention of the Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission).

In submitting this report of activities for the month of FEBRUARY 1945 in respect of Public Safety Division, Southern Region, it should be pointed out that all Zone Headquarters in the Region were closed down and personnel withdrawn by 21 Feb 45 upon the orders of the Regional Commissioner.

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(b) Police recovered from extraneous duties - Nil return.

(c) Report on efficiency, condition of uriforms; state of transport and communications.

The satisfactory standard of efficiency reported last month has been maintained by all agencies with the exception of the Guardie Municipali.

Transport and communications have not improved - I think 733 'deplorable' is a fitting description here. Transport, of course, has always been a sore point both with the Italian police services and ourselves and in this connection it will be most interesting to observe their reactions following our withdrawal from southern Italy. It is not possible as yet to give a true summing-up of the situation, but even at this early stage we know in certain quarters it is 'whispered' that despite our many promises we have done

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nothing at all to ease their desperate transport situation thus 'depriving' them of the means to carry out police duties properly.

Although during the month 1000 tunics and 500 pairs of trousers have been received by the CC.RR. in Naples, the uniform situation is not good particularly in the case of the Guardie Municipali and the Guardie di Finanza; suitable footwear is sorely needed by all.

2. Crime

(a) General situation

Taking into account the poor economic conditions prevailing, the crime situation throughout the Region has been reasonably satisfactory although it is reported that organised gangs have increased their activities against Allied dumps in the Naples area and that a total of 10 (ten) civilians have been killed by sentries this month whilst attempting to steal from dumps, motor trucks and trains.

(b) Brief details of serious crimes committed

On the morning of 5 Feb 45 the dead body of a South African soldier was found in a field at Persano. Death was due to shooting and S.I.B. are investigating.

During the night of 15/16 Feb 45 at Nola, Naples, CC.RR. effected important arrests. Seven members of a very dangerous gang were apprehended after weeks of intensive police activity. This gang is known to have been responsible for armed robberies at Caserta and in the Provinces of Avellino and Benevento. Firearms, ammunition and motor-cycles have been recovered from these criminals.

Italian paratroopers have been responsible for a number of crimes of violence, but this will be dealt with in greater detail in para. 4 of this report.

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3. Possession of firearms etc by civilians

No complaint has been received in the Region suggesting indiscreet or improper issue of firearm permits to civilians by the Italian authorities. In AMG territory (Naples Commune) we are maintaining an extremely strict supervision of all applications for firearm permits.

Permistent rumours exist that automatic arms and grenades are being concealed by civilians in Salerno Province for ultimate use in expected political disturbances. It is known that an automatic weapon was used in a recent attempted foroible entry

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at 557 BOD (Pontecagnano). However, enquiries by the appropriate military and police authorities have produced no evidence so far to suggest there is any truth in these rumours; nevertheless, this matter continues to receive the attention of the investigating authorities.

4. Conduct of military personnel

Throughout the Region, with the exception of Naples Zone, the position can be described as fairly satisfactory.

The previously reported decrease in Naples has not been maintained; this month 27 cases of robbery and 44 of assault have been attributed to Allied personnel - this 'rise' may be due to the recent increase in the number of troops in and passing through the Zone. The military authorities are aware of the situation and are taking appropriate measures.

The outstanding feature of the month as regards Allied personnel has been reported from Taranto Zone where two soldiers are alleged to have robbed and wounded an Italian civilian. A certain British soldier when questioned admitted being concerned in stealing 10,000 lire and four watches and shooting the civilian in the chest - this soldier has been arrested and enquiries are in hand regarding other believed to be concerned.

The criminal misconduct of Italian paratroopers in the Region, particularly in the Naples and Salerno areas, is reaching alarming proportions and the Italian police services are very much concerned over the matter. We can go so far as to say that unless stringent measures are taken, their activities will not only be a serious threat to law and order but will menace our military security. Instances have occurred where they have interfered with Italian police and Allied personnel both on and off duty. The incidents of which we complain have been brought to the notice of the Italian military authorities through the medium of our Liaison Officer and action requested with a view to an improvement in the situation.

In support of the foregoing, I now propose to enumerate very briefly the known incidents and in so doing it must be pointed out that in the majority of instances firearms and hand grenades have not only been carried but used in the commission of the offences :-

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(i) On 10 Dec 44 at Naples five Italian paratroopers were entertained in the house of a civilian. They were ejected owing to their offensive conduct towards the daughter of their host and retaliated by throwing a hand grenade into the doorway of the house.

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(ii) On 10 Dec 44 at Naples Italian paratroopers entered restaurant and demanded food and drink without payment. When demands refused they threatened proprietor with firearms.

(iii) On 12 Dec 44 at Telese, Naples, hand grenade was thrown by Italian paratroopers killing four children and wounding another.

(iv) On 12 Dec 44 at Puglianello, Naples, an Italian soldier was killed by a peasant when disturbed in the act of raping a young girl.

(v) In Dec 44 a group of five paratroopers demanded and obtained food in a tavern in Naples. When payment requested threatened proprietor with hand grenades.

(vi) On 14 Jan 45 at cinema in Naples four Italian paratroopers demanded orchestra play the fascist song 'Giovinezza'. When refused threatened to use hand grenades.

(vii) On 19 Jan 45 Italian paratrooper threw hand grenade at Allied military police who had seized US cigarettes from street vendors. 1 M.P. and 3 civilians injured. Paratrooper arrested.

(viii) On 24 Jan 45 in Naples area two paratroopers were arrested for improper transportation of salt and olive oil. Hand grenade was thrown but no injuries resulted. A second hand grenade was found in the vicinity. The soldiers were arrested.

(ix) On 24 Jan 45 near Salerno British military train guard resisted by Italian paratroopers who flung hand grenade which did not explode.

(x) On 12 Feb 45 Italian paratroopers interfered with a PS Agent and a Municipal Guard who had arrested four women for black market offences. They helped the prisoners to escape and took possession of the confiscated goods.

(xi) On 17 Feb 45 at Naples Italian paratroopers insulted girls accompanied by Allied soldiers - this started a general disturbance. (This is only one of many such incidents).

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Reports have been received that a gang of Italian paratroopers are using the Calabria - Naples train for the transportation of contraband. They are said to be very well armed with automatic weapons and grenades and CC.RR. have admitted they are afraid to apprehend the soldiers as the trains are always overcrowded and civilians would be injured should a fight commence. This

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type of activity has been noticed particularly in the Gioia Tauro area of the Province of Reggio Calabria and the GOC, Italian Forces, Calabria, has despatched Italian military personnel to assist the local CC.RR.

On 5 Feb 45 in Naples a fracas took place between French and Italian soldiers. One of the latter threw a hand grenade injuring two French soldiers and three civilians. Order was restored by civilian police.

5. Venereal Disease

The position in this connection shews no change. In Naples clandestine prostitution with its attendant disease is still rife despite the efforts of specially trained squads of Agents of P.S. and Allied Military Police - this is borne out by the fact that of 798 women suspected of prostitution in Naples 43% were found to be diseased upon examination. The position is much the same at Bari.

The two Italian medical officers of Pace Hospital, Naples, referred to previously as having been arrested for bribery and corruption, have not yet appeared for trial but it is understood that investigations by S.I.B. are now complete. It is interesting and significant to note in regard to this case that following the arrest of these doctors, the women found to be suffering from some form of VD have risen from 12% to 51% of those examined.

6. Relations with:-

(a) Military Police and
(b) Security Services

Continue to be excellent. Further lectures of instruction have been given by Officers of this Division to CMP personnel under training.

Daily contact is maintained with CIC and FSS.

7. Functioning of Courts

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(a) Italian

In Naples it is reported that the Italian Courts are functioning extremely well and are dealing with over a thousand cases a month. The sentences meted out have been sustantial and very satisfactory from a police point of view.

No further complaints have been received regarding the Italian legal authorities in Salerno.

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(b) A.M.G.

There is only one AMG Court in constant session in the Region; this is a Superior Court located in Naples. A total of 53 cases have been dealt with by this Court during the month.

The AMG Courts at Bari have been closed down but there are still three cases outstanding which are due to be dealt with by General Court.

8. Other points affecting Civil Police

There is nothing to add to the remarks appearing under para 1(c) of this report.

PART (II) SECURITY

9. Sabotage

Investigations into the case of suspected sabotage in Bari Province referred to last month, have been completed. Sabotage has been ruled out and the act attributed to mischievous youths.

10. Number of strikes and lockouts

Labour Division report no important industrial disputes. In the Naples area there have been three minor strikes whilst in Catanzaro Zone local government employees came out on strike for a few days as a protest against the low scale of wages.

11. Other civil disturbances

None reported.

12. State of public morale

Generally throughout the Region the morale of the population has shewn no improvement during the month; as in the past this is due primarily to the poor economic conditions.

13. Public meetings

Meetings have taken place throughout the Region this month but no disorder has come to our notice. 17:34

14. Appreciation of general security situation

Instances of exhibition of fascist signs and slogans have been seen in the Region but they are not looked upon seriously by the security services.

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Syria into the war against the common enemy has had favourable repercussions with the Italian populace and political parties, particularly in Naples.

It is too early at this stage to estimate accurately the public reaction to the withdrawal of Allied Commission from southern Italy. However, so far the news appears to have been received favourably by the younger elements of the population but with some apprehension by the more stable minded; The former consider that at long last they have complete freedom with the day drawing nearer when Italy will receive that status of An Ally, whilst the latter think the time has not yet arrived for Italy to be left to her own resources.

15. Civilian Internees

(a) General Position

At 371 POW Camp there are 1,782 civilians interned. This number includes 132 females. A reduction is shewn of just under 200. Intakes still continue at a low figure. AFHQ are now accelerating the handing over of political internees to the Italian Government.

(b) Number of internees in Civil Prisons

Nil return.

PART (III) LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

16. Steps taken with regard to registration of civilian motor vehicles

Constant 'observation' has been kept by all PSO's on the activities of Italian officials responsible for the issuing of motor vehicle circulation permits, but there has been no cause for complaint.

Consequent upon a recent directive from HQ a police 'drive' has been instituted throughout the Region against unlicensed vehicles, but reports as to the results of this 'drive' are not yet to hand.

17. Problems in connection with registration etc

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No problems encountered.

18. Control of civilian movement

Continues to be satisfactory.

A directive has been received from HQ to curtail the issue of permits to enter or leave certain ports. To enforce this, direct'

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communication would have to be made to the Italian authorities; owing to the classification and nature of the instructions this action seemed undesirable, so telephonic communication was made with HQ and directions were received that no action was to be taken pending the receipt of further instructions.

FIRE

PART (IV)

19. General report on :-

(a) Efficiency.

Satisfactory so far as lack of equipment and poor transport permits.

(b) State of equipment

Generally poor, the major deficiency continues to be tyres, tubes and M/T spares, the matter has been duly reported to our Transportation Section who are responsible for care and maintenance of these vehicles but no good results have been obtained so far. The clothing and footwear situation has improved slightly during the month, a small quantity of uniforms and shoe leather has been received.

20. Brief details of any serious fires.

None.

CIVIL DEFENCE

PART (V)

21. By whom controlled

Remaining under the care of the Comandanti of the various Fire Brigades.

22. State of efficiency

Fairly satisfactory having regard to the present low air raid risk.

(a) Incident

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At 0050 hours, 25 Feb 45, an enemy plane circled over Naples Port on reconnaissance flying at 29,000 feet. Eleven photo flash bombs were dropped. No damage or casualties and no public warning sounded.

PRISONS

PART (VI)

23. Number and locations of Prisons in use by categories

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Judicial Prisons

No variation.

Penal Houses

No variation.

Juvenile Prisons

No variation.

Reformatories

No variation.

Manicomi

One at St. Eframo in addition to that at Aversa reported last month.

24. General conditions in respect of :-

(a) Administration

Without probing too deeply into the administration one finds little at which to complain in as much that the prison service is carrying out its allotted task with the mimimum of confusion. However, beneath the apparent calm one finds all is not well. There is some evidence of slackness, low morale and petty graft all of which walk hand in hand with the present conditions in the service - insufficient pay, food, clothing etc.

(b) Sanitation

Generally speaking prison hygiene is satisfactory. Progress is retarded by shortage of soap and disinfectant. There were no cases of typhus or small-pox reported during the current month.

(c) Food

There is no change in the food situation. The inmates of the Judicial and Mandamentali Prisons are faring better than those in the Penal establishments as the latter are unable to benefit from the food parcels sent in by relatives. There is still some delay in the issue of the pasta rations and this is the cause of much discontent amongst inmates. 1731

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(d) Prison Labour

Prison labour is still mainly concentrated in supplying prison equipment of which there is an acute shortage. 200 quintali of cotton has been released to the prisons for the manufacture of prisoners clothing.

Poggioreale Prison is still supplying prison labour to 557 B.O.D.

(e) Records

Satisfactory classification maintained.

25. Prisoners, approximate number of :-

(a) Convicted prisoners: 7367.

(b) Prisoners awaiting trial :-

(i) by Italian Courts: 6105
(ii) by A.M.G. Courts : 343

PART (VII) FORGED A.M.G. CURRENCY

26. Number of cases brought to notice. Total number recovered.

See Appendix 'A' attached in accordance with AC/14044/PS of 1 Feb 45.

27. Number of persons arrested for forgery offences

See Appendix 'A' attached.

PART (VIII) GENERAL

28. List of P.S. personnel showing changes.

REGIONAL H.Q.

1. Major G. RICHARDSON - No. 282757 (B) - Reg. P.S.O.
2. Capt; L.W. TOES - No. 287723 (B) - Asst -do-
3. Capt. G.R. DALEY - No. 291039 (B) - Reg. Prisons Officer
4. Capt. C. NOBLE - No. 279323 (B) - Reg. Fire and C.D. Officer.

H.Q. NAPLES ZONE

5. Capt. R.N. HOBBS - No. 279423 (B) - Zone P.S.O.
6. Capt. S. SCAIFE - No. 291660 (B) - Asst. -do-
- Capt. D.W. MILLER - No.0906084 (A) - -do- (tempy duty and training)
- Capt. A. RILEY - No. 291658 (B) - Asst. P.S.O. (tempy attachment on 48 hours recall)

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H.Q. SALERNO ZONE

+ 7. Capt. J. MADILL - No. 287711 (B) - Zone P.S.C.

H.Q. FOGGIA ZONE

+ 8. Capt. E.F. COCKS - No. 279403 (B) - Zone P.S.C.

H.Q. BARI ZONE

+ 9. Major G.M. REVELEY - No. 6099 (B) - Zone P.S.C.
+ - Major T. GOODACRE - No. 287702 (B) - Asst -do- (tempy attachment on 48 hours recall)

H.Q. TARANTO ZONE

+10. Capt. H. STRAND - No. 279422 (B) - Zone P.S.C.

H.Q. CATANZARO ZONE

+ -. Lieut. C. ANDERSON - No.01797584 (A)- Zone P.S.C. (tempy attachment on 48 hours recall)

+ Recalled to H.Q. Southern Region consequent upon withdrawal of Zone H.Q's.

29. Synopsis of General Public Safety Situation.

Apart from the Italian paratrooper 'incidents', and the increase in cases of miscoonduct of Allied personnel, and the venereal disease problem, the public safety situation can be described as satisfactory.

The political situation remains complex - it is very noticeable that the populace generally do not shew a great deal of interest in politics and the war; it is very apparent their main interests are food and other necessities of life.

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Major,
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APPENDIX 'A'

RE FORGED ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY NOTES FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1945
SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AC/14044/PS of 1 FEB 1945

1. Total number of cases handled

70 cases.

2. Total number of notes involved

373 notes.

(a) 'Raised' notes

50 to 500 lire - 8 notes.

(b) Forged notes (complete)

1000 lire	-	302 notes
500 lire	-	56 notes
100 lire	-	7 notes

3. Arrests etc

Arrests effected for possessing and uttering in 8 cases and Court proceedings pending.

Note:- Two of the 1000 lire and nine of the 500 lire forgeries referred to in 2(b) above are of the 045..... series and thus have been forwarded to the Questura, Reggio Calabria, for use at the trial of forgers arrested in that area.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/ 2.5.1 Date 3 February 1945

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - JANUARY 1945 -

TO : HQ., ALCOM, (Attention of Public Safety Sub-Commission).

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/2.5.1 Date 3 February 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly report of activities - JANUARY 1945 -

TO : HQ. ALCOM, (attention Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission).

Submitted hereunder is the report of activities for the month of JANUARY 1945 in respect of Public Safety Division, Southern Region, set out in the manner desired in AC/14027/PS dated 17 Jan 45:-

PART (I)

CIVIL POLICE

1. Civil Police

(a) Strength -

	Officers	O/Rs	Remarks
Carabinieri Reali.....	175	12,745	-
Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza	81	5,330	-
Guardie di Finanza.....	109	4,170	-
Guardie Municipali.....	Complete figures not available		
Corpo Forestale.....	26	419	-

(b) Police recovered from extraneous duties - Nil return.

(c) Report on efficiency, condition of uniforms, state of transport and communications -

A satisfactory standard of efficiency is reported, uniforms are in fair condition, transport and communications, where they exist, generally poor. Shortage of tyres, tubes and M/T spares have been reported to Transportation Section this HQ. The Guardie di Finanza have complained about their rations and insufficient uniforms, this has been reported to Public Safety Sub-Commission under separate cover. The footwear of the Police agencies is in very poor condition.

2. Crime.

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(a) General situation -

Generally satisfactory, a welcome decrease throughout the Region is reported, but Salerno Zone is up by 40%. The poor economic conditions remain an incentive to crime. Crimes of violence show a decrease with the exception of Bari Zone where armed bands have been reported operating in the Grumo Zone. Juvenile

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crime is increasing in Bari. Some members of criminal gangs actively engaged in stealing from Allied stores and railways have been arrested by various police forces during the past month, these arrests have disclosed the names of the other members whose arrest is now sought.

(b) Brief details of serious crimes committed -

In Foggia Province a number of warehouses of the Consorzio Agrario have been broken into and considerable amount of property stolen.

Looting by civilians of clothing from the bodies of 10 Allied airmen killed in a plane crash near Deliceto has caused considerable resentment. Enquiries in hand.

Two Italian civilians charged with murder of British marine and another Italian civilian with attempted murder of another marine, both at Turi, Bari Zone.

Number of cases of armed robbery in Catanzaro Zone by culprits masquerading as Carabinieri.

See under 5 below (Venereal Disease) for one other serious crime.

3. Possession of Firearms, etc., by civilians.

Following a decree by the Prefects of Nola and Cancello areas three truck loads of firearms etc. have been recovered from civilians. The decree was initiated by reason of considerable larcenies at B.A.D. dumps in the vicinity. The seizure of these firearms, etc., has considerably reduced larcenies therefrom.

4. Conduct of Allied troops -

A very welcome decrease in offences is reported, particularly in the Naples Zone but there is still room for improvement. A recent order by 56 Area placing all bars out of bounds to British troops may improve the situation, the effect of this order cannot be judged at this early stage. It is anticipated that a similar order by P.B.S. affecting American troops will shortly be issued.

Four long term British deserters have been arrested in Bari Zone, these men were responsible for a number of armed robberies and 'black market' offences; over 40 Italian civilians were arrested with them. These arrests have cleared up two notorious gangs operating in Bari Zone territory. Credit is due to 62 and 63 S.I.B. for their excellent work in bringing about these arrests.

An Indian Sepoy was arrested in Bari Zone for attempted buggery on an Italian boy age 13. 1724

On 19 Jan an Italian paratrooper threw a hand grenade at Allied Military policemen who had ~~seized~~ seized U.S. cigarettes from civilians who were selling them in the street. One M.P. and three civilians were injured; the paratrooper has been traced and arrested.

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5. Venereal Disease.

Position static. By far the outstanding item during the month under review was the arrest of two Directors of the PACE Hospital, Naples. These men were issuing certificates to prostitutes undergoing treatment, declaring them free from infection whereas in fact they were still chronic cases of VD. The certificates were 'sold' for considerable sums by these unscrupulous directors. Investigations are continuing by S.I.B. Military Doctors have been placed in the Hospital pro tem. During the period 1 Oct 43 to 31 Dec 44 in Naples 1.874 illicit brothels were closed and 14,325 prostitutes arrested.

6. Relations with:-

(a) Military Police, and
(b) Security Services.

Excellent. Lectures to officers undergoing DAPMs course and S.I.B. on AC/AMG functions and the Italian Police system have been given by Captains TOES and NOBLE during the month. This should bring about an even closer co-operation between AC/AMG and Military Police.
Close liaison maintained with F.S.S. and C.I.C.

7. Functioning of Courts.

(a) Italian.

On the whole satisfactory though very slow. Some trouble with the Italian legal officials in Salerno have been reported to our Legal Branch who are taking necessary steps to bring about an improvement.

(b) A.M.G.

Satisfactory.

8. Other points affecting Civil Police.

The different sources of supply of rations for the CC.RR. and GG.FF. have brought about discontent in the ranks of the latter mainly by reason that SEPRAL is rarely able to discharge their commitments. The matter has been specially reported to Public Safety Sub-Commission for attention.
On 22 Jan a Carabiniere from Rome, a Vice Brigadiere of Pubblica Sicurezza and 8 Italian civilians were arrested in Naples for stealing 70 sacks of American grain.

PART (II) SECURITY

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9. Sabotage.

On 8 Jan 45 attempted sabotage discovered by 141 Maintenance Unit RAF San Nicandro. A piece of gelignite, 15 yards of fuse and a detonator found in a culvert on the Bitetto/San Nicandro road (Bari Province) were recovered by the a/m. Unit and handed over

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to 315 F.S.S. The gelignite is probably of Italian origin. The origin of the fuse and detonator could not be stated definitely as British, Italian and German Armies use the same type detonator. Enquiries proceeding.

10. Number of strikes and lock-outs.
Twenty three. No important industrial disputes during the month under review.

11. Other Civil disturbances.
Ten disturbances of a minor character occurred during the month attended in one case by the usual burning of official documents. All were handled satisfactorily by Italian police agencies.

12. State of public morale.
Generally low, shortage of food, high prices and low wages is concerning the Italians far more than any other matter. The progress of the war and politics are definitely secondary considerations with the general public.

13. Public Meetings.
The usual number of meetings took place during the period under review, 59 in Naples Zone. No disorder took place neither were there any untoward incidents. The Communist Party has been particularly active.

14. Appreciation of General Security Situation.
There are a few instances throughout the Region of Fascist activities by the exhibition of various posters and slogans; in no case is there any cause for alarm. The reaction of students etc. to the recent military call-up has been definitely hostile but no incidents worthy of note have been reported. Taken by and large the security situation can be described as satisfactory, the present state of the war in the light of recent Allied successes discourages any attempt at subversive activity on the part of the Italian.
On 14 Jan at a cinema in Naples, 4 Italian paratroopers in uniform demanded that the orchestra play the Fascist tune 'Giovinezza'; the manager intervened and there was confusion during which the paratroopers disappeared.

15. Civilian Internees.
(a) General Position. 1724
At present interned in the 'A' civilian internee camp at Padula are 1.968 civilian internees of which 133 are females. Only 30 intakes during the past month. Since the receipt of the new directive respecting the internment of German nationals, a number of cases have been reviewed and so far 9 women and 2 men have been released. Further cases pending.

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(b) Number of internees in civilian prisons.
Nil return.

PART (III) — LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

16. Steps taken with regard to registration of civilian motor vehicles.
A close check is maintained on the Italian authorities responsible for issue of permits, having regard to the present tyre and petrol situation, and only those producing evidence that the licensing of their vehicle is for essential purposes are granted licences. Certificates of fitness are being demanded before a licence is issued.

17. Problems in connection with registration, etc.
No difficulties or problems have been encountered.

18. Control of Civilian Movement.
Satisfactorily conducted. Lists of civilians travelling to Sardinia from Naples are supplied weekly to the Regional Commissioner of Sardinia. Considerable difficulty has been experienced in obtaining prior approval from SCAO's in Army areas;in some cases there has been delay of from 5 to 6 weeks. Being reported to Public Safety Sub-Commission under separate cover.

PART (IV) — FIRE

19. General report on :-
(a) Efficiency. Satisfactory so far as lack of equipment permits.
(b) State ofequipment. Generally very poor, again the major deficiency is tyres, tubes and M/T spares; this matter has been placed before Transportation Sub-Commission who are now responsible for supply and maintenance of vehicles. The footwear is in very bad condition.

20. Brief details of any serious fires.
None.

PART (V) — CIVIL DEFENCE

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21. By whom controlled.
Taken over by the Comandanti of the various Fire Brigades.

22. State of efficiency.
Can be considered satisfactory taking into consideration the present low air raid risk including long range projectiles. In connection with the latter risk, skeleton arrangements have been completed for P.A.D. in Naples City in conjunction with American

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and British P.A.D. officers.

PART (VI)

PRISONS

23. Number and locations of prisons in use by categories.

Judicial Prisons.- 34 prisons located at:- Ariano Irpino, Avellino, Benevento, Poggioreale Men, Poggioreale Women, Aversa, Caserta, S.Maria C.V., S.Angelo Lombardi, Campobasso, Isernia, Larino, Foggia, Lucera, Taranto, Salerno, Lagonegro, Matera, Melfi, Potenza, Bari, Trani, Brindisi, Lecce, Turi, Castrovillari, Catanzaro, Cosenza, Locri, Nicastro, Palmi, Rossano, Vibo Valentia, Reggio Calabria.

Penal Houses.- 4 prisons located at:- Pozzuoli, Procida, Trani, Lecce.

Juvenile Prisons.- 1 prison located at:- S.Eframo.

Reformatories.- 5 reformatories located at:- Airola, Filangieri, S.Maria C.V., Eboli, Avigliano.

Manicomi.- 1 Manicomio located at:- Aversa. Also San Efrano. Hospital Accommodation for 50. Remainder of building occupied by 11th 2 Field Park Coy. RE. Camp. SE Area. Gharian

24. General condition in respect of:-

(a) Administration

Satisfactory on the whole.

(b) Sanitation

Generally satisfactory. Two cases of small-pox in the prison at S. Eframo and two cases of typhoid in Avellino, necessary precautions taken and victims sent to Hospital. Soap and medicine in short supply, duly reported to Ministry of Grace and Justice.

(c) Food

SEPRAL is not issuing the authorised ration scale in many of the prisons outside Naples, this has brought about discontent. The matter has been reported to the Ministry of Grace and Justice, developments are awaited. The major complaint concerns bread and pasta.

(d) Prison Labour

A contract for repairs to 10,000 pairs of shoes has been received. Fifty prisoners working at 557 BOD recently increased to 100.

(e) Records

Kept up to date and well classified. 1720

25. Prisoners approximate number of:-

(a) Convicted prisoners: 6650.

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(b) Prisoners awaiting trial:-

(i) by Italian Courts 5434
(ii) by A.M.G. Courts 366

PART (VII)

FORGED A.M.G. CURRENCY

26. Number of cases brought to notice. Total amount of notes recovered.
Two hundred and fourteen cases brought to notice. Total alleged value of notes recovered:- L. 262.600, made up as follows:-
Complete forgeries - 1 x L.100; 8 x L.500; 250 x L.1,000.
Raised notes - 14 x L.50 to L.500; 1 x L.100 to L.500;
1 x L.100 to L.1,000.

27. Number of persons arrested for forgery offences.
Twenty two arrests and two denounced.

PART (VIII)

GENERAL

28. List of P.S. personnel showing changes.

REGIONAL H.Q.

1. Major G. RICHARDSON - No. 282757 (B) - Reg.P.S.O.
2. Capt. L.W. TOES - No.287723 (B) - Asst -do-
3. Capt. G.R. DALEY - No. 291039 (B) - Reg. Prisons Officer
4. Capt. C. NOBLE - No. 279323 (B) - Reg. Fire and C.D. Officer.

H.Q. NAPLES ZONE

5. Capt. R.N. HOBBS - No. 279423 (B) - Zone P.S.O.
6. Capt. S. SCAIFE - No. 291660 (B) - Asst -do-
- Capt. D.W. MILLER - No.0906084 (A) - -do- (tempy duty and training)
- Capt. A. RILEY - No. 291658 (B) - Asst. P.S.O. (tempy attachment on 48 hours recall)

H.Q. SALERNO ZONE

7. Capt. J. MADILL - No. 287711 (B) - Zone P.S.O.

H.Q. FOGGIA ZONE

8. Capt. E.F. COCKS - No. 279403 (B) - Zone P.S.O.

H.Q. BARI ZONE

9. Major G.M. REVELEY - No. 6099 (B) - Zone P.S.O.
- Major T. GOODACRE - No. 287702 (B) - Asst -do- (tempy attachment on 48 hours recall)

H.Q. TARANTO ZONE

10. Capt. H. STRAND - No. 279422 (B) - Zone P.S.O.

H.Q. CATANZARO ZONE

- Lieut. C.ANDERSON - No.01797584 (A)- Zone P.S.O. (tempy attachment on 48 hours recall).

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Variations during month:-

Major D.F. STEPHENS, No. 287370 (B) Z.P.S.O. of Catanzaro transferred to Toscana Region, relieved by Lt. C. ANDERSON, No. 01797584 (A) from Bari Zone.

29. Synopsis of General Public Safety Situation.

Fairly satisfactory on the whole, there have been the usual minor demonstrations about the poor economic conditions but no outstanding incident has been reported. The existing police services have experienced no difficulty in maintaining public order. Naples continues to be the hot bed of vice, and larcenies of Allied material continue, in some cases, it is regretted, with the connivance of Allied personnel.

The Communist Party are taking full advantage of prevailing conditions to swell their ranks. The reaction of the younger Italians to the military call up is indicative of their interest in the war effort.

The agreement reached between the Italian Government and Statal and para statal employees in Bari has prevented the development of what might easily have become a very grave situation.

We have reached a stage where if the Italian Police agencies, and the Fire Brigade are called upon to perform any additional service we must respond to their repeated requests for improvement in their transport, communications, clothing and equipment. It is a well known fact that they have responded to our requests far more than the Allies have responded to theirs. The brunt of this is borne by Allied Police Officers in this HQ., and is the field, and is making their task so much more difficult.

Noble Capt.

G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/2.5.1

Date 5 January 1945

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - DECEMBER 1944.

Notes held in Clerks Office 5/6/1/45

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(ATTENTION OF THE DIRECTOR, PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION).

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Reg. Public Safety Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/2.5.1 Date 3 January 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Activities - December 1944.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(for attention of Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. Submitted hereunder is the report of activities for month of DECEMBER 1944 in respect of Public Safety Division, Southern Region; the information is set out in a manner similar to preceding months.

2. CIVIL POLICE AGENCIES.

General Remarks re Police Agencies throughout Region.

No change to that previously reported. Outstanding features continue to be shortage of man-power, transport and accessories.

On 8 Dec 44, 20 Officers and 480 O.R's of Piceno Group, Italian Army, arrived in Naples for transfer to CC.RR. At the moment they are in Naples awaiting uniforms. It is anticipated that the CC.RR. of Naples will be reenforced by 300 of them and the remainder dispersed throughout Southern Region.

(a) Carabinieri Reali.

(1) Naples Zone.

TO		
COL. CHA[illegible]		
COL. YOU[illegible]		14/1
LT. CO[illegible]		14/1
MAJ [illegible]		
MAJ [illegible]		15/1
MAJ [illegible]		15/1
MAJ [illegible]		17/1
C[illegible]		
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Strength - Naples Prov - 75 Officers, 2358 O.R's
" - Benevento " - 7 " 283 "
" - Avellino " - 7 " 377 "

Satisfactory standard of morale and efficiency maintained.

CC.RR. patrols still operating in conjunction with Allied M.P. patrols - results satisfactory.

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Captain of CC.RR. at Benevento placed under open arrest by the CC.RR. Legion Commander of Naples for alleged complicity in the illegal sale of Allied Military petrol - enquiry continuing.

(2) Salerno Zone.

Strength - Salerno Prov - 11 Officers, 719 O.R's

Satisfactory standard of morale and efficiency maintained.

(3) Foggia Zone.

Strength - Foggia Prov - 6 Officers, 543 O.R's
" - Campobasso" - 7 " 394 "

Satisfactory standard of morale and efficiency maintained.

(4) Bari Zone.

Strength - Bari Prov - 12 Officers, 628 O.R's
" - Brindisi" - 4 " 300 "
" - Lecce " - 6 " 332 "
" - Matera " - 2 " 181 "
" - Potenza " - 4 " 396 "

Satisfactory standard of morale and efficiency maintained. On 8 Dec, 10 Italian Army Officers and 411 O.R's arrived in Bari to re-enforce the Legion.

On 27 Dec 100 CC.RR. were dispatched by train, proceeding to Palermo, to re-enforce CC.RR. in that City.

(5) Taranto Zone.

Strength - Taranto Prov - 5 Officers, 613 O.R's

Satisfactory standard of morale and efficiency maintained.

(6) Catanzaro Zone.

Strength - Catanzaro Prov - 9 Officers, 677 O.R's
" - Cosenza " - 6 " 565 "
" - Reggio Cal." - 8 " 482 "

Satisfactory standard of morale and efficiency maintained.

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(b) Questura.

(1) Naples Zone.

Strength - Naples Prov - 11 Officers, 3766 O.R's
" - Benevento " - 6 " 51 "
- Avellino " - 3 " 57 "

Conduct generally satisfactory - efficiency doubtful and morale uncertain.

(2) Salerno Zone.

Strength - Salerno Prov - 2 Officers, 165 O.R's

Conduct generally satisfactory - efficiency doubtful and morale uncertain.

(3) Foggia Zone.

Strength - Foggia Prov - 9 Officers, 93 O.R's
" - Campobasso" - 4 " 46 "

Conduct generally satisfactory - efficiency doubtful and morale uncertain.

(4) Strength - Bari Prov - 4 Officers - 367 O.R's
" - Brindisi" - - " - 121 "
" - Lecce " - - " - 79 "
" - Matera " - - " - 36 "
" - Potenza " - 7 " - 51 "

Conduct generally satisfactory - efficiency doubtful and morale uncertain. In Matera Province the agents have done very little work.

(5) Taranto Zone.

Strength - Taranto Prov - 14 Officers, 204 O.R's

Conduct generally satisfactory - efficiency and morale uncertain.

(6) Catanzaro Zone.

Strength - Catanzaro Prov - 8 Officers, 62 O.R's
" - Cosenza " - 5 " 75 "
" - Reggio Cal." - 8 " 157 "

Conduct generally satisfactory - efficiency and morale uncertain.

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(c) Guardia Finanza.

(1) Naples Zone.

Strength - Naples Prov - 35 Officers, 1550 O.R's
" - Benevento " - 3 " 125 "
- Avellino " - 8 " 140 "

Improvement reported in morale and standard of efficiency.maintained.

(2) Salerno Zone.

Strength - Salerno Prov - 8 Officers, 321 O.R's

Satisfactory standard of morale and reasonable degree of afficiency maintained.

(3) Foggia Zone.

Strength - Foggia Prov - 8 Officers, 236 O.R's
" - Campobasso" - 2 " 71 "

Satisfactory standard of morale and reasonable degree of efficiency maintained.

(4) Bari Zone.

Strength - Bari Prov - 19 Officers, 608 O.R's
" - Brindisi" - 3 " 144 "
" - Lecce " - 6 " 212 "
" - Matera " - 2 " 37 "
" - Potenza " - 2 " 52 "

Standard of efficiency satisfactory and morale fairly good. Presence of Allied Officers on olive oil control has brought about an improvement. Detachments at Brindisi and Lecce could be more energetic. Colonel Commanding Group at Bari informed and attention promised. The detachments in Matera Province has done very little during the past month.

(5) Taranto Zone.

Strength - Taranto Prov - 3 Officers, 122 O.R's

Satisfactory standard of morale and efficiency maintained.

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(6) Catanzaro Zone.

Strength - Catanzaro Prov - 3 Officers, 152 O.R's
" - Cosenza " - 2 " 169 "
" - Reggio Cal." - 5 " 231 "

Satisfactory standard of morale and fair state of efficiency maintained.

(d) Reale Corpo delle Foreste.

No change to that previously reported. No outstanding items to report.

(e) Vigili Urbani.

No change to report, these agencies are practically useless from a police point of view.

3. CRIME SITUATION.

(1) Naples Zone.

The situation in Naples has not shown any improvement, the number of crimes by Allied military personnel has increased but the number of Crimes of Violence has shown a slight decrease which may be attributed to greater activity on the part of civil and military police operating together in squads.

Cases of note in Naples Zone:-

SAVIANO - During night 24/25 Nov thieves broke into Municipio and stole 5816 ration cards. Enquiry in hand. No arrests.

ARIANO IRPINO - At 23.00 hours 17 Dec. Major Weiss (American Army) with M.Ps and CC.RR. attempted to search a house for deserters. After knocking on door the Major was shot and killed by son of the occupant - reinforcements were obtained, more shots were fired from the house, the American M.Ps fired machine guns and effected the arrest of the man who killed Major Weiss. Of the 5 occupants of the house 1 was killed and 4 wounded.

NAPLES - At 18.00 hours 21 Dec. attempt by Italian paratroppers to cut hair short of girls found in company of Allied troops - scuffle ensued during which one of the Italians threw a hand grenade causing

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injury to Allied soldiers and Italian civilians. Enquiry continues. No arrests. These paratroopers have been responsible for a number of disturbances in Naples City and steps are being taken to bring about their apprehension.

BARRA - At 20.30 hours 27 Nov. CC.RR. and American M.P. arrested 17 persons for assaulting civilian driver of military truck and stealing sugar therefrom.

At 19.30 hours 25 Dec. Greek troops stationed nearby, looking for prostitutes created a disturbance, firing rifles and throwing hand grenades. 1 person killed, 6 injured. Investigation pursuing.

(2) Salerno Zone.

An increase in civilian crime of 150 % over preceding month is reported, mainly in thefts of Allied material and minor larcenies.

Thefts of Allied property from 557 B.O.D. has received the personal attention of the Z.P.S.O., the guard system has been reorganised with good results.

(3) Foggia Zone.

The situation at Foggia remains satisfactory, crime figures are on a par with the previous month. In Campobasso there is an appreciable decrease in crime. Nothing outstanding.

(4) Bari Zone.

Bari Province. An increase in civilian crime is reported but this is more than offset by an increase of over 400 % in arrests. A reduction in crimes of violence is reported.

Brindisi Province. A marked increase in crime is reported, larceny being up 450 % over last month.

Lecce Province. Position unchanged.

Matera Province. Position satisfactory, with slight decrease over last months low figures.

Potenza Province. Position satisfactory with an appreciable decrease in last months crime figures.

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(5) Taranto Zone.

The position here remains fair, an increase in crime figures is reported over the preceding month, all minor thefts. Thefts of Allied military property shows a welcome decrease.

Only one case of note is reported:-

On 28 Oct 44 a civilian was shot dead by an Italian military guard whilst attempting to steal pasta from a railway wagon.

(6) Catanzaro Zone.

Catanzaro Province Crime figures are above those of last month with a 50 % increase in robbery with violence.

Cosenza and Reggio Calabria Provinces both show a decrease, especially in Cosenza. Reggio Calabria has nine murders during the period under review as against 5 last month.

Outstanding cases:-

On 6 Dec 44 at Nicotera 6 unknown persons, one dressed as a Carabiniere, armed with pistols and machine gun entered a house and stole L. 400.000 and other valuables.

On 2 Dec 44 at Rizziconi unknown persons with intent to rob, shot and wounded two men, one died the following day.

On 16 Nov 44 at Candidoni three unknown men armed with muskets and dressed in Allied military uniforms held up and robbed 3 men of more than L. 20.000.

On 25 Nov 44 at Tannanova a man was shot dead by 3 unknown persons wearing Carabinieri unform after having robbed him of L. 60.000

4. BLACK MARKET.

(1) Naples Zone.

The civilian police have done what may be reasonably expected of them in this connection having regard to the considerable traffic operating in Naples City and the total lack of co-operation by the public who are only ready to buy wherever they can and say nothing about where they obtained it from.

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Shortage of food generally is fertiliser for the black market, and a definite incentive to steal from Allied sources which, it is regretted, is not as difficult as it should be .

No items of outstanding interest have been reported.

In Bagnoli a truck load of sugar was recovered on 2 Dec together with 8 civilian arrests and 1 killed.

On Dec 14 one truck load of coffee was recovered and 14 civilians arrested.

(2) Salerno Zone.

The local police agencies have been fairly active and seized the following quantities of contraband:-

GRAIN	Kg. 916
OLIVE OIL	" 3132

These figures are a decrease on the preceding month.

(3) Foggia Zone.

The amounts of contraband grain and olive oil seized by the police agencies show a decrease on the preceding month corresponding to the withdrawal of Olive Oil Control Officers which may be the answer. Totals are as follows:-

GRAIN	Kg. 5823
OLIVE OIL	" 4915

(4) Bari Zone.

Police agencies in Bari Province spurred on by Olive oil control officers, have maintained a steady offensive against black market racketeers as the following seizures show:-

GRAIN	Kg. 8291
OLIVE OIL	" 17016

In Brindisi their activities were lukewarm, seizures were as follows:-

GRAIN	Kg. 886
OLIVE OIL	" 1967

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In Lecce the attitude of the local Police agencies was similar to that of Brindisi, seizures as follows:-

GRAIN	Kg. 997
OLIVE OIL	" 3940

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The local police in Matera did not display the energy in suppressing black market operations as weal as they could have done, seizures as follows:-

GRAIN	Kg.	1920
OLIVE OIL	"	1550

The local police agencies in Potenza have been fairly active. Complete details of seizures by all Police agencies are not available but the following quantities of contraband have been confiscated by the GG.FF.

GRAIN	Kg.	50
OLIVE OIL	"	2509

This Zone has concentrated largely on olive oil with numerous road blocks. Snap road checks and train raids which will be dealt with under the heading "OLIVE OIL CONTROL".

(6) Catanzaro Zone.

The Police agencies in this Zone have been fairly active, with better results than the preceding month, but there is still room for improvement. Seizures were as follows:-

Catanzaro -	GRAIN	Kg.	97	OLIVE OIL	Kg.	1088
Reggio Cal.	"	"	644	"	"	7179
Cosenza	figures not available.					

5. OLIVE OIL CONTROL.

The seven Lieuts from 11 Con. Depot on olive oil control operating in the Zones of Foggia and Bari were withdrawn on 9 Dec 44. Capt. NOBLE of this HQ. on temporary duty at Bari supervising the police enforcement of this contral was withdrawn and returned to this HQ. on 28 Dec 44.

Generally speaking the police agencies were lukewarm on this subject and it was only the continual drive and encouragement by these officers that obtained the results achieved. Bari Province was outstanding with over 57.000 quintali in the Ammassi on 23 Dec 44. Given more officers to replace those withdrawn even better results could have been obtained as it was abundantly clear that in those Provinces where no Allied Officers were operating the amount of oil ammassed was pitiful in comparison. 1768

A special report covering olive oil control is in course of preparation in this office for information of Public Safety Sub- Commission at H.Q.

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6. MAFFIA ACTIVITY.

None reported.

7. PROSTITUTION.

(1) Naples Zone.

The position remains the same and is receiving the attention of Allied Military and Civil Police. No figures are available at the moment in respect of the Provinces of Naples and Avellino. An increase in arrests at Benevento is reported. Total arrested in Benevento 22 of whom 20 were infected. Total of 4 in Hospital undergoing treatment.

(2) Salerno Zone.

An improvement in the situation is reported, during the month 77 arrests were made of which 33 were infected. Total of 85 in Hoppital undergoing treatment.

(3) Foggia Zone.

The position in Foggia Province is still giving concern and shows no improvement over the previous period. Prostitutes arrested 114, 35 found infected. 31 undergoing treatment in Hoppital.

Campobasso Province is maintaing its low level with 4 prostitutes arrested, all infected. Three undergoing treatment in Hospital.

(4) Bari Zone.

There is an increase of clandestine prostitution throughout the Zone with the Province of Lecce the black spot. Prostitutes arrested 173 of which 133 were infected, a further 55 licenced prostitutes were found to be infected and admitted to Hospital. In Hospital under treatment 556. One clandestine brothel closed.

The seriousness of the situation sponsored a conference on 18 Dec in the APM's Office 54 Area attended by all heads of Allied Military Police, Medico Provinciale and Questore, where matters affecting V.D. were discussed with a view to improving the position.

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(5) Taranto Zone.

19 clandestine prostitutes have been arrested during the past month, they and 85 authorised prostitutes were found to be infected. 71 are in Hospital undergoing treatment. This is an increase over the preceding period.

(6) Catanzaro Zone.

A slight increase in arrests of clandestine prostitutes is reported from all three Provinces, as follows:- Catanzaro 15, Cosenza 23 and Reggio Cal. 22. No particulars are available of the number infected and the number undergoing treatment in Hospital.

8. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS.

(1) Naples Zone.

AMG Courts continue to function in Naples City, elsewhere in the Zone Italian Courts are reported to be functioning and dealing satisfactorily with Allied cases.

(2) Salerno Zone.

No AMG Courts in this Zone. Italian Courts are reported to be dealing more satisfactorily with Allied cases. The decision in one case involving possession of 400 kilos of Allied coffee appeared unsatisfactory and is the subject of an enquiry by the Procuratore at the request of the Z.P.S.C.

(3) Foggia Zone.

No AMG Courts in this Zone. Italian Courts reported to be functioning reasonably well.

(4) Bari Zone.

AMG Courts are operating in Bitonto and Bari dealing with Allied property. It is anticipated that a further AMG Court will open in Barletta. The Italian Courts appear to be functioning satisfactorily.

(5) Taranto Zone.

No AMG Courts held during past month. Italian Courts functioning satisfactorily.

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(6) Catanzaro Zone.

No AMG Courts held during past month. Italian Courts functioning satisfactorily.

9. LIAISON WITH MILITARY POLICE.

Fully maintained and relationship are healthy. Lectures continue to be given by Police personnel from this HQ. to C.M.P., S.I.B. and F.S.B., on pertinent subjects.

10. CONDUCT OF ALLIED NAVAL AND MILITARY PERSONNEL.

(1) Naples Zone.

The conduct of troops still leaves a lot to be desired in spite of the activities of Naval patrols and Allied M.Ps. Nothing outstanding in addition to that quoted in 3 (I) above.

(2) Salerno Zone.

Conduct generally fairly satisfactory, only one outstanding incident reported when on 26 Nov a clash occurred between British and Indian troops against civilians. Shots were fired by troops to frighten the crowd and one civilian slightly wounded. Enquiry in hand. Battipaglia is now out of bounds.

(3) Foggia Zone.

An improvement is reported in both the Provinces in this Zone and the only case of note reported concerns an unidentified Allied soldier who at San Severo shot a shop keeper in the foot and stole a camera.

Two youths are in prison awaiting trial at San Martino (Prov. of Campobasso) for throwing hand grenades at coloured troops, the motive would appear to be the youths resentment at coloured soldiers associating with Italian women.

(4) Bari Zone. 1703

The conduct of troops in this Zone can only be described as fair.

Incidents of note are:-

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Three members of the "Canadian Gang" have been arrested - no further organised activities on any scale have been reported.

On Dec 1, 62nd S.I.B. charged a Syrian soldier with unlawful wounding of an English Corporal on 21 Nov 44.

On Dec 2 at Bitonto Prov. of Bari, 3 British soldiers were involved in a scuffle with Italian civilians. 1 soldier was shot in the leg by one of the Civiliahs who was later arrested by 62nd S.I.B.

On Dec 16 at Bari 3 soldiers and a sailor were involved in a brawl with civilians, forcing an entry into a house to find a woman ? the owner of the house retaliated and stabbed the sailor who is at present in Hospital.

On Dec 13 at Monopoli (Prov. of Bari) an unidentified Allied soldier shot a British seaman who died in Hospital the following day.

On Dec 24 at Bisceglie (Prov of Bari) a British soldier was found dead in the street having been stabbed by some unknown person.

(5) Taranto Zone.

A definite improvement is reported this month and the undermentioned are the only incidents of note:-

4 Dec 44, at Statte Railway Station an unknown Greek soldier fatally shot a civilian.

30 Nov 44 on the road near Martina Franca four unknown soldiers in a Jeep, dressed in American uniforms and armed with sub-machine guns robbed a man and his son of L. 4.000 and their overcoats. This gang is suspected of 2 more highway robberies in the vicinity on 25 Nov and 10 Dec involving about L. 117.000

(6) Catanzaro Zone. 1704

Reported to be good. Some crimes have been committed by men dressed in Allied uniforms but proof is lacking at the moment that they were Allied personnel.

Nothing outstanding reported.

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11. CONTROL OF CIVILIAN MOVEMENT.

Functioning well. Nothing outstanding.

12. REGISTRATION AND LICENSING.

Functioning well. Nothing outstanding.

13. STRIKES AND LOCK-OUTS.

(1) Naples Zone.

Five minor strikes took place during the month involving wage disputes. The police agencies were able to handle them with ease and no incidents took place.

(2) Salerno Zone.

One very minor strike reported - no incidents.

(3) Bari Zone.

Two minor strikes reported, one in Bari and one in Lecce. No disorder, situation normal.

(4) Taranto Zone.

One minor strike reported - no incident.

(5) Foggia Zone.

Nothing reported.

(6) Catanzaro Zone.

None reported.

14. RIOTS, DISTURBANCES AND UNAUTHORISED DEMONSTRATIONS.

(1) Naples Zone.

None reported.

(2) Salerno Zone.

On 13 Dec some 700 to 1.000 persons caused serious disorder in CAMPAGNA. The trouble was caused by the olive oil situation, low prices to growers and non-payment of olives already surrendered and a misinterpreted message from the Prefect concerning distribution of olive oil. Some disturbing political

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elements took advantage of the situation to cause confusion and arouse the people's anger, this resulted in the crowd forcing an entrance to the Municipio where they set fire to the Agricultural records. 13 arrests were made. Reinforcements of CC.RR. and P.S. were sent from Salerno who quickly took command of the situation, restored order and it has been normal ever since.

On 16 Dec a similar occurrence took place at S. Gregorio Magno where similar documents were burned. Seven women were arrested. On 18 Dec a very large crowd demonstrated to demand the release of the women. Reinforcements of CC.RR. arrived who quickly dispersed the crowd and restored order. Situation remains normal.

(3) Foggia Zone.

None reported.

(4) Bari Zone.

At 15.45 on 3 Dec at Bitonto a serious disturbance took place in which about 1500 persons took part following the search of houses for Allied property by Allied troops and Carabinieri, following larcenies of ammunition from 14 BAD. The release of 5 women arrested during the search was demanded by the demonstrators. Shots were fired by the demonstrators and troops. One British soldier was seriously injured, 4 civilians wounded and 1 killed. Reinforcements of troops and 50 Carabinieri arrived from Bari and restored order. Situation normal and no recurrences. Special report submitted to HQ., by Major Hare of Public Safety Sub-Commission HQ., who was present at the time.

(5) Taranto Zone.

Apart from a small demonstration at GROTTAGLIE outside the town Hall on 25 Nov concerning the non-distribution of flour for pasta due in Oct and Nov there is nothing to report.

(6) Catanzaro Zone.

Apart from a small demonstration at CROTONE 1702

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outside the Town Hall on 1 Dec concerning the olive oil ration (two arrests) there is nothing to report.

15. SABOTAGE.

The larcenies of ammunition and vital ingredients from 14 BAD, Bitonto (Prov. of Bari) has decreased considerably following an increase of Civil Police Guards and revision of their duties. Investigations carried out by Major Hare of Security Branch, HQ. ruled out sabotage.

16. SECURITY.

(1) Naples Zone.

Nothing of note has been reported during the period under review.

(2) Salerno Zone.

Beyond the arrest of an Italian Officer by CC.RR. at SCAFATI for openly proclaiming in favour of Fascism and painting walls with "Viva il Duce" there is nothing to report.

Conditions at No. 1 Internee Camp are satisfactory. Latest return shows "population" as 2.006 civilian internees of which 137 are females. Total releases to date now total 1868.

(3) Foggia Zone.

Nothing of note to report.

(4) Bari Zone.

On 13 Dec 315 FSS arrested MASCHIETTI Domenico at Bari for being a "danger to security" Category A.

(5) Taranto Zone.

Nothing of note to report.

(6) Catanzaro Zone.

Nothing of note to report.

17. POLITICAL SITUATION.

General Remarks.

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The political situation throughout Southern Region may be described as confused with the predominant concern over where the next meal is coming from and where the wherewithal is coming from to pay for it.

(1) Naples Zone.

The principal political parties are unchanged with the Christian Democrats and Communists vieing with each other for first place.

(2) Salerno Zone.

No change. Cost of living and food situation is every-ones predominant thought.

(3) Foggia Zone.

Generally quiet with the Communist Party the most active.

(4) Bari Zone.

The position remains reasonably satisfactory. On 23 Dec a copy of Mussolini's last speech was found in a post box in Bari.

On 13 Dec some post cards with Fascist propaganda thereon were found in post bixes in Bari.

Further to the hand grenade incident at Gallipoli reported in last month's report, the Sindaco has been removed and the situation is normal.

(5) Taranto Zone.

Position remains satisfactory with Communist Party taking the 'lead'.

(6) Catanzaro Zone.

Position unchanged. The improper sequestration of lands reported last month has now been amicably settled.

18. PUBLIC MORALE.

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The public morale remains poor, caused by shortage of food and poor economic conditions.

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19. FIRE BRIGADE AND CIVIL DEFENCE.

Fire Brigades in this Region are functioning satisfactorily but, in common with the Police Services , are suffering from shortage of transport and accessories.

Civil Defence Services are now under the control of the Fire Brigades.

Liaison has been maintained with the Italian Army Officer responsible for recruiting civilian personnel for mine clearance - up to the moment considerable difficulty has been experienced.

20. CIVIL PRISONS.

Prison administration generally speaking is quite fair. Taranto and Poggioreale Judicial Prisons continue to improve under their new Directors.

Hygiene is stated to be good but there is a shortage of soap and disinfectants.

No cases of small pox or typhus reported during month.

Prison population increased during the month by "admissions' exceeding "releases" by some 650.

Although majority of prisons are full, bad overcrowding only exists at Bari, Poggioreale, Taranto and Catanzaro Judicial prisons. Total prison population (less Mandamentali) on 21 Dec was approximately 13.600, half of whom are awaiting trial.

Persons responsible for uttering forged release warrants (mentioned in last month's report) were brought to trial, seven out of ten were convicted to terms of imprisonment ranging from 5 to 7 years.

Small disturbance in Poggioreale prison, Naples, where inmates of two rooms rioted in protest against poor food . Quelled without outside assistance.

During early part of month 260 prisoners who had been transferred from Rome to Campobasso prison caused several disturbances resulting in an organised attempt to escape. 38 prisoners succeeded in escaping, 11 of them have since been re-arrested. An enquiry was held and a report submitted to H.Q.

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A list of prisons now in use and showing both capacity and number of inmates on 31 Dec is attached as Appendix No. 1.

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21. FORGING AND UTTERING OF ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY.

The position remains as previously reported and a further 126 cases (involving 237 forged notes from all over this Region) have come to notice this month. Some arrests have been made and Court proceedings are pending.

Particulars shown in Appendix No. 3.

22. LOCATION AND DUTIES OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS.

Particulars shown in Appendix No. 2.

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CAPACITY AND POPULATION OF PRISONS.

Judicial Prison = (A)
Penal Prison = (B)
Juvenile Prison = (C)
Reformatory = (D)
Manicomio = (E)

Capacity = A.
Men sentenced = B.
Women " " = C.
Minors " " = D.
Men awaiting trial E.
Women " " F.
Minors " " G.
Total December H.
Total November I.

PRISONS		A. Cap.	B men	C Women	D Min	E men awtrial	F Women awtrial	G Minors awtrial	H Dec	I Nov
NAPLES ZONE										
Ariano Irpino	A	102	20	1	-	42	4	2	69	78
Avellino	A	350	190	4	2	164	15	2	377	370
Benevento	A	225	31	6	-	128	16	13	194	221
Airola - girls	D	180	-	-	92	-	-	-	92	92
Poggioreale men	A	2000	1185	-	-	1533	-	-	2718	2707
Poggioreale Wom.	A	500	-	96	2	-	238	14	350	350
S. Eframo	C	250	3	-	219	-	-	198	420	402
S. Eframo	E	50	17	-	-	31	-	-	48	47
Filangieri	D	150	-	-	50	-	-	-	50	
Aversa	A	250	67	22	1	112	12	11	225	247
Aversa	E	410	116	254	18	24	23	-	435	425
Caserta	A	76	10	6	-	41	2	5	64	27
Pozzuoli	B	300	230	-	-	31	-	-	261	300
Procida	B	600	431	-	3	-	-	-	434	419
S. Maria C.V.	A	535	283	7	-	167	9	4	470	495
S. Maria C.V.	D	165	-	-	76	-	-	-	76	96
S. Angelo Lom.	A	80	21	2	1	40	8	-	72	85
FOGGIA ZONE										
Campobasso	A	311	123	19	1	298	7	2	450	188
Isernia	A	100	13	2	-	12	2	-	29	25
Larino	A	100	50	10	1	20	-	3	84	96
Foggia	A	470	35	7	3	129	15	23	212	-
Lucera	A	300	134	8	2	173	10	3	330	299
TARANTO ZONE										
Taranto	A	220	54	11	3	250	38	13	369	402
SALERNO ZONE										
Salerno	A	480	52	10	-	375	61	17	515	490
Eboli	D	50	-	-	40	-	-	-	40	39

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PRISON		A	B	C	D	E	F		H	I
BARI ZONE										
Lagonegro	A	120	7	1	-	38	4	-	50	65
Matera	A	68	28	-	-	42	-	-	70	61
Melfi	A	154	16	5	-	44	1	3	69	69
Potenza	A	169	60	5	7	57	6	7	142	165
Avigliano	D	280	-	-	52	-	-	-	52	51
Bari	A	827	248	13	26	946	61	122	1416	1427
Trani	A	283	182	14	1	103	8	5	313	307
Trani Women	B	140	-	123	-	-	-	-	123	126
Brindisi	A	200	149	6	2	115	18	13	303	336
Lecce	A	380	211	24	28	117	11	19	410	414
Lecce	B	228	265	-	-	6	-	-	272	287
Turi	B	295	248	-	-	-	-	-	248	
CATANZARO ZONE										
Castrovillari	A	94	13	2	-	32	3	3	53	64
Catanzaro	A	280	104	7	-	357	17	-	485	466
Cosenza	A	230	130	12	-	63	5	6	216	251
Locri	A	144	62	3	-	85	5	2	157	184
Nicastro	A	144	75	1	-	89	2	2	169	157
Palmi	A	78	13	4	-	48	9	2	76	105
Rossano	A	44	18	3	-	16	40	11	88	40
Vibo Valentia	A	204	54	8	-	140	11	3	216	216
Reggio Calabria	A	245	72	9	1	239	21	11	353	251
Totale			5020	705	631	6107	682	519	13664	12889

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APPENDIX No. 2

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LOCATION AND DUTIES OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS.

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS

1. Major G. RICHARDSON No. 282757 (Br) - Reg. Public Safety Officer
2. Capt. L.W. TOES " 287723 (Br) - Asst. Reg. Public Safety Officer
3. Capt. G.R. DALEY " 291039 (Br) - Reg. Prisons Officer
4. Capt. C. NOBLE " 279323 (Br) - Reg. Fire and C.D. Officer.

H.Q. NAPLES ZONE

5. Capt. R.N. HOBBS No. 279423 (Br) - Zone Public Safety Officer
6. Capt. F.SCAIFE " 291660 (Br) - Asst.Zone Public Safety Officer

\- Capt. D.W. MILLER " 0906084 (Am) - - do - (tempy duty and training)

\- Capt. A. RILEY " 291658 (Br) - - do - (tempy attachment on 48 hrs recall).

H.Q. SALERNO ZONE

7. Capt. J. MADILL No. 287711 (Br) - Zone Public Safety Officer

H.Q. FOGGIA ZONE

8. Capt. E.F. COCKS No. 279403 (Br) - Zone Public Safety Officer

H.Q. BARI ZONE

9. Major G.M. REVELEY No. 6099 (Br) - Zone Public Safety Officer

\- Major T. GOODACRE " 287702 (Br) - Asst.Zone Public Safety Officer (tempy attachment on 48 hrs recall)

\- Lieut.C. ANDERSON " 01797584 (Am) - - do -

H.Q. TARANTO ZONE

10. Capt. H. STRAND No. 279422 (Br) - Zone Public Safety Officer

H.Q. CATANZARO ZONE

11. Major D.F. STEPHENS No. 287370 (Br) - Zone Public Safety Officer.